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CHAPTER ONE
THE TRAGEDY OF P★

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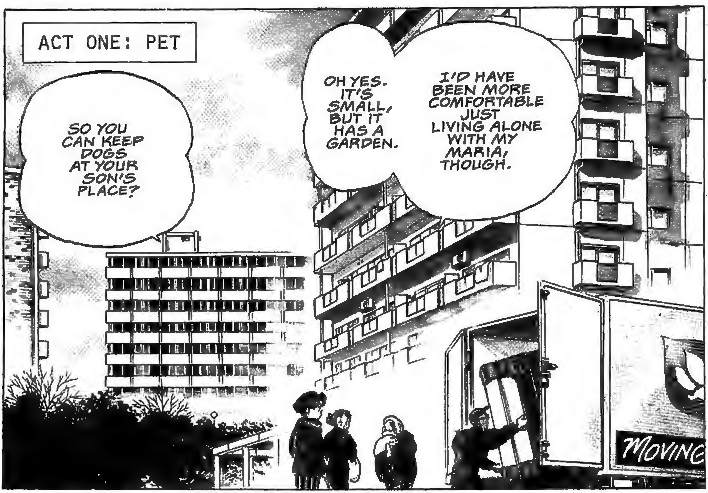
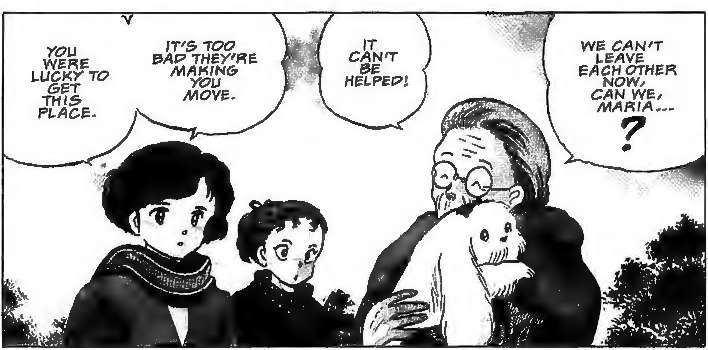
ITEM 17: DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER PETS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!


ACT ONE: PET
SO YOU CAN KEEP DOGS AT YOUR SON'S PLACE?
OH YES. IT'S SMALL, BUT IT HAS A GARDEN.
I'D HAVE BEEN MORE COMFORTABLE JUST LIVING ALONE WITH MY MARIA, THOUGH.
MOVING


YOU WERE LUCKY TO GET THIS PLACE.
IT'S TOO BAD THEY'RE MAKING YOU MOVE.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
WE CAN'T LEAVE EACH OTHER NOW, CAN WE, MARIA...
?

WHY, MRS. NAKAMURA! ARE YOU MOVING TODAY ??
OH, MRS. KAKEI.
I'M SORRY YOU HAVE TO LEAVE.
DO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
GOODBYE, MARIA.
PAT PAT
CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT ?!
SHE IS SO SHAMELESS !!
AFTER SHE PRACTICALLY FORCED YOU OUT !
THROWING A FIT OVER A NICE LITTLE DOG LIKE--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, REALLY.
MRS. KAKEI IS THE LEADER OF THE ANTI-PET FACTION OF THE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION. AS FOR ME, I'M...

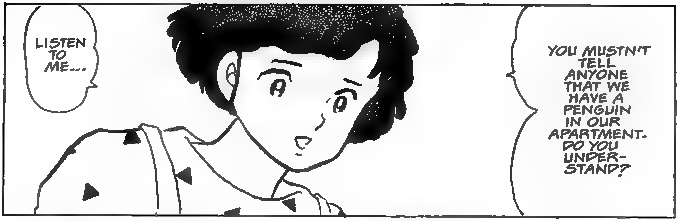
...I'M NOT ON EITHER SIDE.
KOTA!
WE DON'T HAVE PETS ANYWAY.
BUT STILL...
WHAT, MOM?!
WMP
TMPMPMPMPMP
DON'T MAKE SUCH A RACKET!!
THE PEOPLE UNDER US WILL--
DINNNGGGG
URK!!
DONNNNGGGGGG
WHY, MRS. KAKEI! I WAS JUST--
MRS. HAGA.
YOUR SON IS AS LIVELY AS EVER.
...I DON'T LIKE TO DEAL WITH MRS. KAKEI.

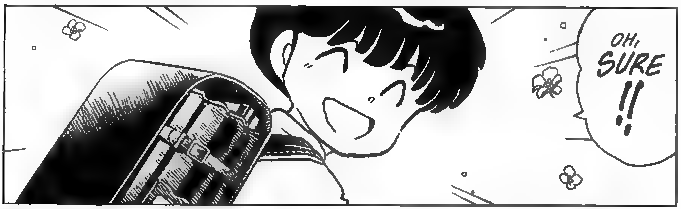
I'M SORRY. I KNOW THIS KEEPS HAPPENING, BUT...
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL MY COM-PLAINTS.
I DO TRY TO LET IT GO, FOUR OUT OF FIVE TIMES. BUT, WELL...
.....
.....
HOW DARE SHE TALK TO ME LIKE THAT--?!?
HMPH!
CLACK CLACK
WE ALL HAVE TO LIVE TOGETHER HERE...
...IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM!
THEN, THAT NIGHT...
BEEP
2:07
CLICK
CRASH
HEY. WAKE UP.
...IT CAME.
TUGGTUGG
MM...?
HONEY...?

LOOK, KOTA...
ISN'T IT GREAT?!
.....
.....
WOW!
WUMP!

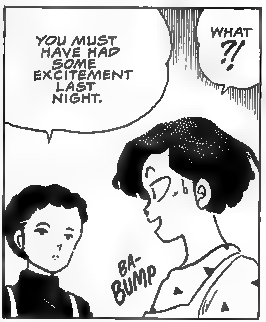
IT'S A PENGUIN !!
.....
.....
PLEASE TELL ME....
...IT'S NOT REAL !!
HA-HA-HAAA! DID I SURPRISE YOU?
IT IS! IT IS!
IT IS REAL!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THIS TO ME... SLOWLY.
HE'S MR. SUNSTAR'S PET. MR. SUNSTAR IS ONE OF MY CLIENTS.
HIS NAME IS PIPPIN. PIPPIN THE PENGUIN!
I'M HEADIN' BACK TO THE STATES FOR A WHILE.
YOU DON'T MIND TAKING CARE OF PIPPIN, DO YA?
OF COURSE NOT, MR. SUNSTAR! HOW COULD I MIND? HA-HA-HAAAA!
YOU MEAN... YOU ACTUALLY AGREED ??
HE'S AN IMPORTANT CLIENT, HON! BESIDES, KOTA WILL LOVE HIM! WHAT BOY WOULDN'T ?

BUT WE CAN'T! PETS AREN'T ALLOWED!
THE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN REALLY CRACKING DOWN, AND YOU KNOW MRS. KAKEI LIVES RIGHT---
HONEY! IT'S JUST FOR ONE WEEK!
THAT'S... THAT'S LONG ENOUGH TO... TO...
BRRT? BRRT?
OH, ALL RIGHT.
BUT ONLY FOR ONE WEEK!
HA-HAAA! I KNEW YOU'D LOVE HIM!
YAAY!!
FWAP FWAP
'BYE, PIPPIN! SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL!
KOTA, WAIT!
WHAT, MOM?

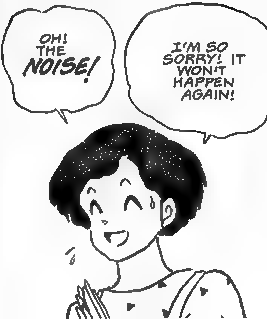

LISTEN TO ME...
YOU MUSTN'T TELL ANYONE THAT WE HAVE A PENGUIN IN OUR APARTMENT. DO YOU UNDER-STAND?


OH, SURE !!

GOOD MORNING, MRS. HAGA.
OH! MRS. KAKEI !


YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME EXCITEMENT LAST NIGHT.
WHAT ?!
BA-BUMP

HEISEI APAR


OH! THE NOISE!
I'M SO SORRY! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

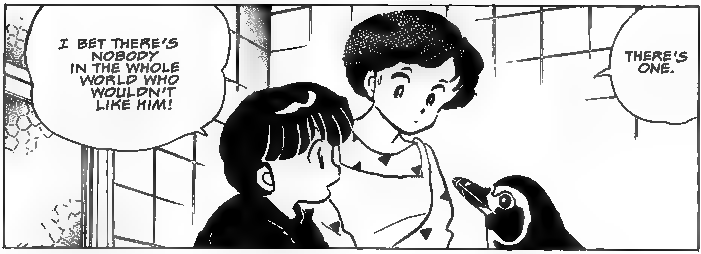
HMM. HUMBOLDT PENGUIN... FOUND MAINLY ON THE COAST OF CHILE...
OH, SO YOU WEREN'T BORN IN ANTARCTICA!
ABOUT A POUND OF FRESH FISH DAILY...
THAT MR. SUNSTAR BETTER BE WILLING TO REIMBURSE US FOR OUR GROCERY BILLS!
VOOP!
MY, YOU DO STAND UP QUICKLY!
OH, YOU'RE SO CUTE !!
SOB B B
JUST ONE WEEK...
TO HAVE A PENGUIN FOR EVEN ONE WEEK...
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE BLESSED WITH A CHANCE LIKE THIS ?!
FRESH FISH

NO ONE HAS TO KNOW.
MARUKEI FRESH FISH
Fresh TUNA
ONE POUND OF FRESH SARDINES, PLEASE.
NICE ONES.
CREEAAK
PIPPIN, I'M HO-O-O-O-O--
TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP
OH, COOL !!
IT'S REAL !!
WOW! COOL!!
SHH UP!
LET ME TOUCH HIM !!
NEAT!!
YEAH!
DON'T SCARE HIM !!

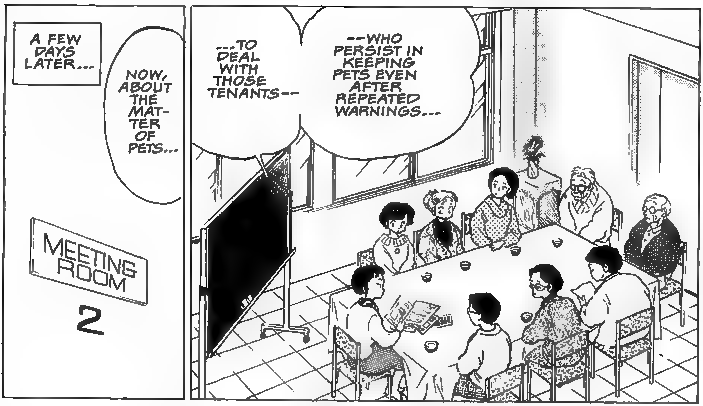
KO-TAA-AAA!!
ME!!
ME!!
ME!!
OH, HI MOM! WHAT'S WRONG?
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!!
IT'S OKAY!
IT'S A SECRET WITH ALL THE GUYS IN MY CLASS!
ALL THE GUYS...
...IN HIS CLASS.
OH GOD!
SAY...UM... I DON'T SUPPOSE HIROSHI KAKEI IS HERE, IS HE?
COOL
WOW!
HUH? DID YOU CALL ME, MRS. HAGA??
DINNGG DONNGGGG
WHY, MRS. KAKEI--!
MY LITTLE HIROSHI IS HERE, ISN'T HE, MRS. HAGA?

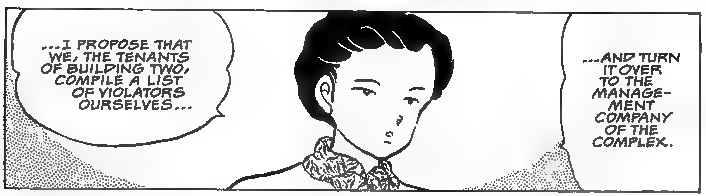
I'M SORRY. THE NOISE MUST BOTHER YOU, I KNOW.
IF YOU'LL LET ME IN I'LL TELL HIM TO PLAY OUTSIDE.
OH, NO, MRS. KAKEI! HE'S FINE! I MEAN...
HE ISN'T HERE! GOOD-BYE!
CREAK
BUT THAT'S STRANGE. I'M SURE HE...
CRA EAK
OH, YOU KNOW HOW BOYS ARE! I'LL QUIET THEM DOWN! SORRY! 'BYE!
MRS. HAGA !!
YOU MAY COME OUT NOW, HIROSHI.
EVERY-ONE !!
CHAP CHAP
BE QUIET AND LISTEN UP!!
IF YOU TELL ANYONE ABOUT PIPPIN...
...HE WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY HERE ANYMORE !!

SO WHEN YOU GO HOME...
...YOU MUSTN'T TELL YOUR PARENTS! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
OHH-KAY!!
UNDERSTAND, HIROSHI?
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE PETS HERE.
IT'S ONLY FOR A WEEK!
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T TELL.
HEY, MOM! CAN WE KEEP PIPPIN??
A WEEK IS ENOUGH, HONEY.
ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF WE GET CAUGHT!
PLOSH PLOSH
JEEZ.
BUT HE'S SO CUTE!
PLISH PLISH



ACT TWO: PUBLIC GOOD


A FEW DAYS LATER...
NOW, ABOUT THE MATTER OF PETS...
MEETING ROOM 2
--TO DEAL WITH THOSE TENANTS--
--WHO PERSIST IN KEEPING PETS EVEN AFTER REPEATED WARNINGS...


...I PROPOSE THAT WE, THE TENANTS OF BUILDING TWO, COMPILE A LIST OF VIOLATORS OURSELVES...
...AND TURN IT OVER TO THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE COMPLEX.

WE'RE ONLY TELLING THEM TO OBEY THE RULES THAT SHOULD BE OBEYED.
BUT MAYBE SOME PEOPLE HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR KEEPING PETS!
DON'T YOU THINK SO, MRS. HAGA...?
GULP!
UM... WELL... I...
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NOISE, AND THE SMELL, AND SO ON...?
EXCUSE ME...
MY FRIEND ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF HIS CAT WHILE HE'S OUT OF TOWN.
ISN'T LOOKING AFTER PETS FOR A SHORT TIME ALLOWED?
I'M SORRY, BUT... NO.
YOU CAN READ IT FOR YOURSELF IN THIS PAMPHLET THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY DISTRIBUTED.
PET PROBLEMS

OH, PLEASE... PLEASE... PLEASE...
BA-BUMP BA-BUMP
...PLEASE MAKE THOSE KIDS KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT!
BUT DESPITE MY FEARS...
...THE CHILDREN KEPT THEIR WORD, AND DIDN'T SPREAD THE NEWS. AT LEAST, NOT TO ADULTS.
BUT I DIDN'T TELL MY MOM!
YOU DUMB-HEAD!
YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO TELL YOUR BROTHERS, NEITHER!!
.....
.....
ONE WEEK PASSED WITHOUT CALAMITY.
PLEASE, HONEY!
IT'LL JUST BE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
WHA... WHA...
YAYY! PIPPIN! YOU GET TO STAY!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!?
IT'LL BE OKAY!
MR. SUNSTAR IS A VERY IMPORTANT CLIENT, AFTER ALL!
HMPH. THIS IS FINE, JUST FINE.
MRS. HAGA! CAN WE TALK?

A SPY ?!
THEY'RE CHECKING EVERY APARTMENT THEY THINK MIGHT HAVE A PET!
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE RUMOR IS.
WHAT DO I DO NOW ?
OF COURSE, THEY MAY NOT SUSPECT...
FWAP FWAP
DINNGG DONGG
MAY I COME IN, MRS. HAGA?
OH--! MRS. KAKEI! UM... I... WELL...
I BROUGHT SOME DELICIOUS DUMPLINGS. I THOUGHT WE MIGHT EAT THEM TOGETHER.
I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR MY HIROSHI.
HE SEEMS TO BE COMING TO YOUR HOUSE EVERY DAY LATELY.
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT!
BUT... BUT IF THE NOISE BOTHERS YOU, I CAN...
SHE...
...SHE'S COME TO CHECK ON ME!!

PLISH PLOSH
?!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THE... UH... THE WASHING MACHINE!
SQUIT
.....
.....
IS...IS SOMETHING WRONG, MRS.--
NO, NO.
IT'S JUST THAT SOMETHING...
...SMELLS A LITTLE FISHY.
GULP
OH? HOW ODD.
IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION.
EEEEEP!
PADDA PADDA

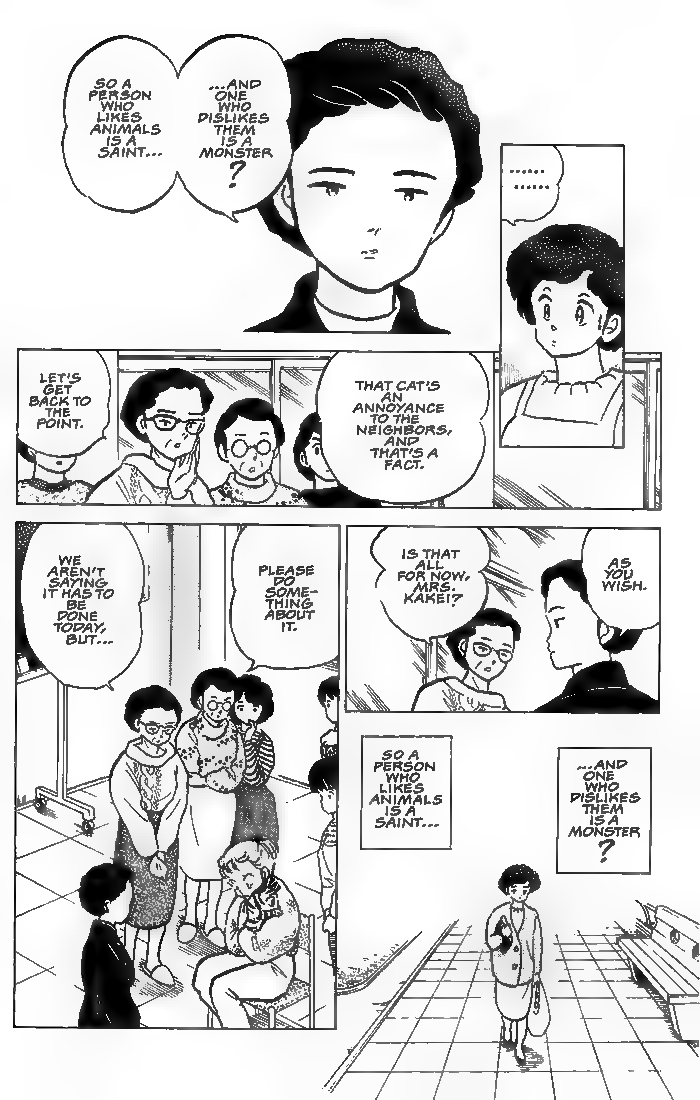
I'M SORRY. WAS THAT RUDE OF ME...?
ER... N-NO, IT'S JUST... JUST...
...I SEEM TO HAVE A HEAD-ACHE.
FWUP
OH, WELL, THEN... I SHOULD GO.
WHEW
HI, MOM! I'M HOME!!
SLI
SLAM
MMMM
HI, MRS. HAGA! WHERE'S PIPPIN?
PIPPIN...??
.....
.....
UHH... HI, MOM! HOW'S IT GOIN'?
HIROSHI... WHO IS PIPPIN?
HERE, HIROSHI!
IT'S PIPPIN!!
DOM

.....
.....
YOU GET IT, DON'T YOU, HIROSHI?!
PLEASE GET IT, PLEASE, YOU SAWED-OFF LITTLE--
MRS. HAGA?
CAN WE TAKE PIPPIN TO THE PARK?
.....
.....
OH, YES, HIROSHI! YOU CAN TAKE PIPPIN ANY-WHERE!
SIGH
HUH--?! BUT THIS IS...
SHUT UP, IDIOT. WE'RE TAKING PIPPIN TO THE PARK.
MY SON, THE MORON.
CLAP
WE HAVE ANOTHER ASSOCIATION MEETING TOMORROW.
OH?
IS... IS THAT SO?
BA-DUMP
CON-CERNING THE PET SITUA-TION...
...I'M SURE WE CAN COUNT ON YOU TO HELP US.
WHY, OF COURSE.
IF WE GET CAUGHT, I'M SURE OF IT...
---SHE'LL FIND A WAY TO DRIVE US OUT OF HERE!
PLEASE, PIPPIN! GO HOME SOON! PLEASE!!

ACT THREE: PESSIMISM
.....
...
THEY FOUND A PET!
WHAT IS IT?!
THE DOOR WAS ACCIDENTALLY LEFT OPEN...
...AND IT GOT OUT!
RIGHT HERE, EH?
YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY...
Ohhh...
IN ANY CASE...
...YOU MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT IMMEDIATELY.
MEETING ROOM 2
YOU CAN'T MAKE ME ABANDON HIM!!
WE'RE NOT SAYING YOU SHOULD!
I WON'T TAKE HIM TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER, EITHER--!!

HE MIGHT BE ADOPTED.
A GROWN CAT?
ADOPTED BY WHO?!
THEY'LL END UP KILLING HIM!!
.....
.....
THEN LOOK FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE HIM YOURSELF.
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
IT'S NOT HUMANE TO KEEP THE ANIMAL IN HIDING EITHER.
THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR IT.
SHUT UP!!
MI-MI IS LIKE MY ONLY FAMILY!!
BUT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT! YOU HAVE NO FEELINGS!!
TO KEEP THE CAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE OUT.
YOU READ THE BY-LAWS BEFORE YOU SIGNED YOUR LEASE, DIDN'T YOU?
UM... EXCUSE ME? MRS. KAKEI?

WHAT IS IT, MRS. HAGA...?
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS CORRECT, I KNOW...
...BUT, STILL--
---I THINK WE CAN TAKE THIS TOO FAR.
I MEAN, IT'S SO HARSH.
IT'S NOT AS IF THE PET RULE WAS SUDDENLY PASSED YESTERDAY, MRS. HAGA.
I KNOW THAT! IT'S... IT'S JUST...
---THIS IS ABOUT A LIVING THING!
THERE ARE SOME PETS THAT CAN'T GO ANYWHERE ELSE!
TO MAKE PEOPLE JUST GIVE THEM UP...
I'M SURE WE CAN SETTLE THIS WITHOUT MAKING HER TAKE THE CAT TO THE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.
THAT IS NOT OUR INTENTION.
WELL, IT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE IT--!!
JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE ANIMALS...
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING BUT YOURSELF!


SO A PERSON WHO LIKES ANIMALS IS A SAINT...
...AND ONE WHO DISLIKES THEM IS A MONSTER?
.....
.....
LET'S GET BACK TO THE POINT.
THAT CAT'S AN ANNOYANCE TO THE NEIGHBORS, AND THAT'S A FACT.
WE AREN'T SAYING IT HAS TO BE DONE TODAY, BUT...
PLEASE DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT.
IS THAT ALL FOR NOW, MRS. KAKEI?
AS YOU WISH.
SO A PERSON WHO LIKES ANIMALS IS A SAINT...
...AND ONE WHO DISLIKES THEM IS A MONSTER?

HI, MOM!
HI, MRS. HAGA!
OH... HI.
SAY, HIROSHI... ABOUT YOUR MOTHER...
...WHY DOES SHE HATE ANIMALS?
HUH?!
SHE LOVES ANIMALS!!
WE HAD A DOG BEFORE WE MOVED HERE!
BUT WHY...?
SHE SAID WE COULDN'T KEEP HIM IN AN APARTMENT. SO WE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR SOMEBODY NICE TO TAKE HIM.
SHE CRIED THE MOST WHEN WE LEFT HIM.
MRS. KAKEI...

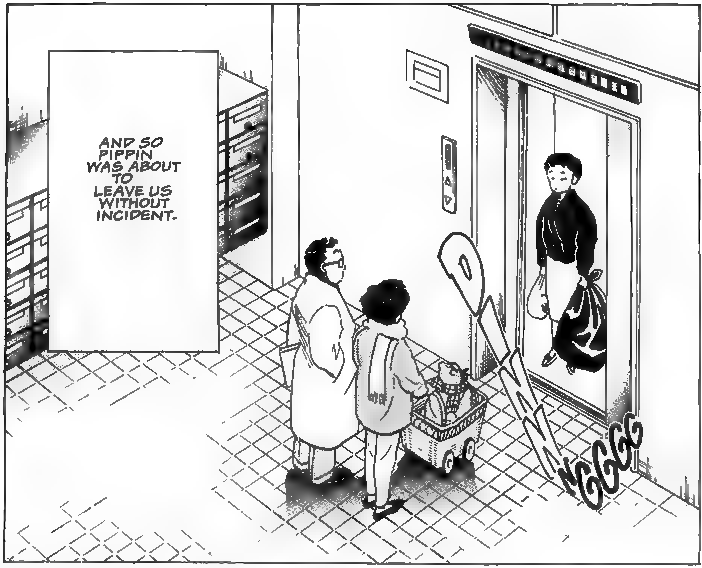
SHE COULDN'T ALLOW IT
TRAPPED IN A LITTLE ROOM, UNABLE TO ROAM OR PLAY.
HELD PRISONER BY HUMAN RULES. NO, SHE COULDN'T ALLOW IT...
EVEN IF SHE KNEW THERE WAS NOWHERE ELSE FOR THE POOR THING TO GO.
SQUIK SQUIK
KWEE?
C'MON. LET'S TAKE A WALK.
PAP PAP PAP

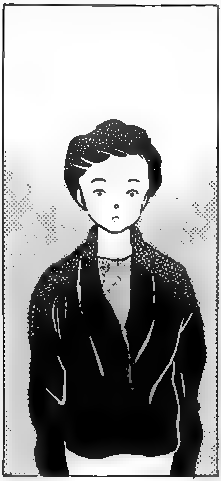
THE SKY, THE STARS, THE WIND, AND THE LIGHT ARE ALL YOURS.
THEY ARE NOT OURS TO GIVE YOU. OR TO TAKE AWAY.

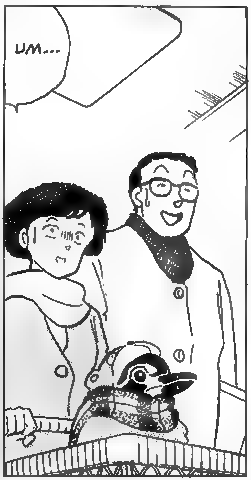
HOW DO YOU FEEL...?

INSTEAD OF ANSWERING, PIPPIN GAVE NATURE'S MOST ELEMENTAL RESPONSE

HE RELIEVED HIMSELF.
ACK!!
HEY THERE!
OH! HI, HONEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING OUT HERE...?
OH, YOU KNOW, JUST...
...TAKING A WALK.
AM I...?
TO-MORROW?
YEAH. SUNSTAR'S FINALLY READY TO TAKE HIM BACK.
YOU MUST BE RELIEVED!
SAUK
SAUK







MRS. KAKEI DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

NOT THEN AND NOT LATER.

ACT FOUR: PEACE
WELL, MRS. HAGA...!
MRS. KAKEI!
uarium
PENGUIN POOL
YOU TOO...?
MY HIROSHI KEPT SAYING HE WANTED TO SEE THE PENGUINS.
UMM... ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...
IF THE PENGUIN HAD STILL BEEN THERE THE NEXT DAY, I'D HAVE REPORTED IT.
CHK-CHKK! CHK-CHKK! CHK-CHK!
I'LL BET SHE WAS DYING TO PET HIM.

THE END

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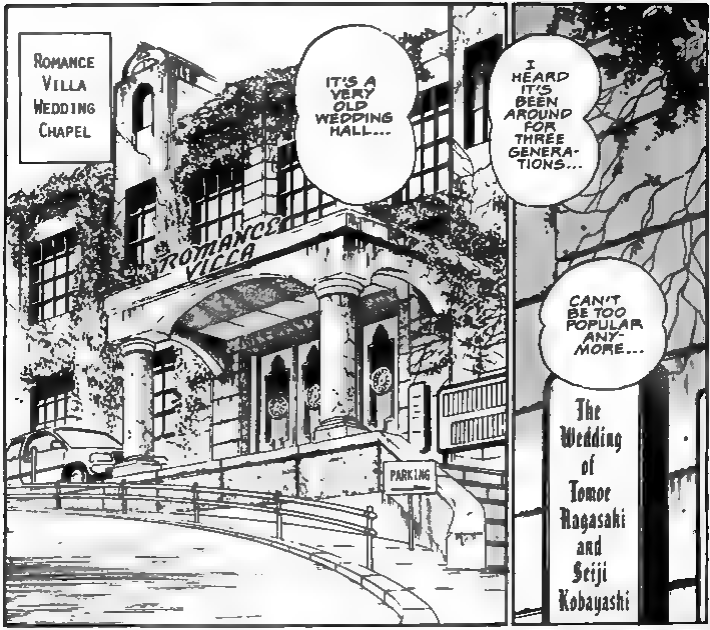

ROMANCE VILLA WEDDING CHAPEL
IT'S A VERY OLD WEDDING HALL...
I HEARD IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR THREE GENERATIONS...
CAN'T BE TOO POPULAR ANYMORE...
ROMANCE VILLA
PARKING
The Wedding of Tomoe Nagasaki and Seiji Kobayashi

IT'S A GORGEOUS SATURDAY IN JUNE, BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WEDDING SCHEDULED IN THE CHAPEL TODAY!
WHAT ??
!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T COME ?!
DON'T THEY HAVE AIR CONDITIONING ?
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO US !!

BE HERE, IF YOU HAVE TO CRAWL !!
HOW CAN WE DO A WEDDING WITHOUT THE PRIEST?!
WHAT?!
UH...
PSSST PSSST PSST
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE JUST FINE!
.....
.....
BRIDAL CHAMBER
MY, HOW BEAUTIFUL...
...KIND OF LIKE AN ORCHID BLOOMING IN A DUMP.
HMPH!
THANK YOU.
THIS IS NOT A DUMP !!
BOSS! HEY, BOSS!
TAP TAP

WHAT IS IT, BETTO...?
WELL... IT'S THE PRIEST... HE...
HE THREW HIS BACK OUT...
...AND WON'T COME?!
AND SINCE WE ONLY HIRE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, HE CAN'T SUPPLY A BACK-UP!
I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD GET A GROUP CONTRACT WITH THE SHRINES!!
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!
UM...
EX-CUSE ME!
THE BRIDE IS GETTING NER-VOUS!!
GO GET YOSHI! YOU HEARD ME, GO FIND OUR HANDY-MAN!
AND HURRY!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

SAKE BAR
SAKE
WHA... WHADIZZIS ?!?
MOVE IT !!
BUH-- BUH-- BUT I'M DRUNK !!
NO EX-CUSES. MOVE !!
GET DRESSED.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH...
AK! NO! WE'RE DOING SHINTO TODAY!
HUH ?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GETTING BOMBED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTER-NOON?!
...HMPH!
IT'S MY BIZNIZ WHAT I DO ON MY DAY OFF!
FIX HIS FACE!
SWAP SWAP
BTH !!
THINK I NEED MORE?
HEY, THAT'S BETTER!
HE LOOKS ALMOST HUMAN!

MURMUR MURMUR
LOYEES
SKATCH SKATCH
THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK YOU'VE DONE FOR US ALL THESE YEARS.
SNIF YOU TAKE CARE TOO, BOSS.
THIS ISN'T MUCH, BUT...
...IT'S ALL I CAN MANAGE FOR SEVERANCE PAY

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN MORT-GAGED, AND...
LEDGER
YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN IN THE RED SINCE MY FATHER RAN THIS PLACE.
WHAT!? YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WE WERE CLOSING !!
SEVER-ANCE ?!
.....
.....
ACTUALLY, IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME TO PAY RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MONEY !!
WELL... YOUR SEVER-ANCE PAY IS...
BETTO AND I HAVE WORKED HERE THE LONGEST.
HMPH!!
I WILL... SOME-HOW.
OH? WITH WHAT ?!
I'LL PAY YOU SOON.
I'M SORRY.
YOU PUT US OFF 'TIL LAST BECAUSE YOU OWE US THE MOST, DIDN'T YOU?!

THE LATE ALIMONY PAY-MENTS...
HELLO, KEIICHI?
...YES, THIS IS YU-KARI...
THAT WOULD HELP A LITTLE.
I-I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU...
TO-MORROW AT SIX, THEN...
MY FATHER WAS SUCH A SWEET-HEART.
HE LOVED TO HELP PEOPLE...
UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS SO GULLIBLE THAT MOST OF THE MONEY GRANDPA MADE...
...ENDED UP IN OTHER HANDS.
THE ONLY THING HE COULD LEAVE ME WAS, OF ALL THINGS, THIS CRUMBLING WEDDING HALL.
ROMANCE VILLA

YOUR FATHER...
HE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED, UP IN HEAVEN, TO LEARN THAT THE HALL HAS CLOSED.
SHE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
EH--? LOOK... HE'S GOT OTHER VISITORS!
WHO ON EARTH CAN THEY BE?
EX-CUSE ME...

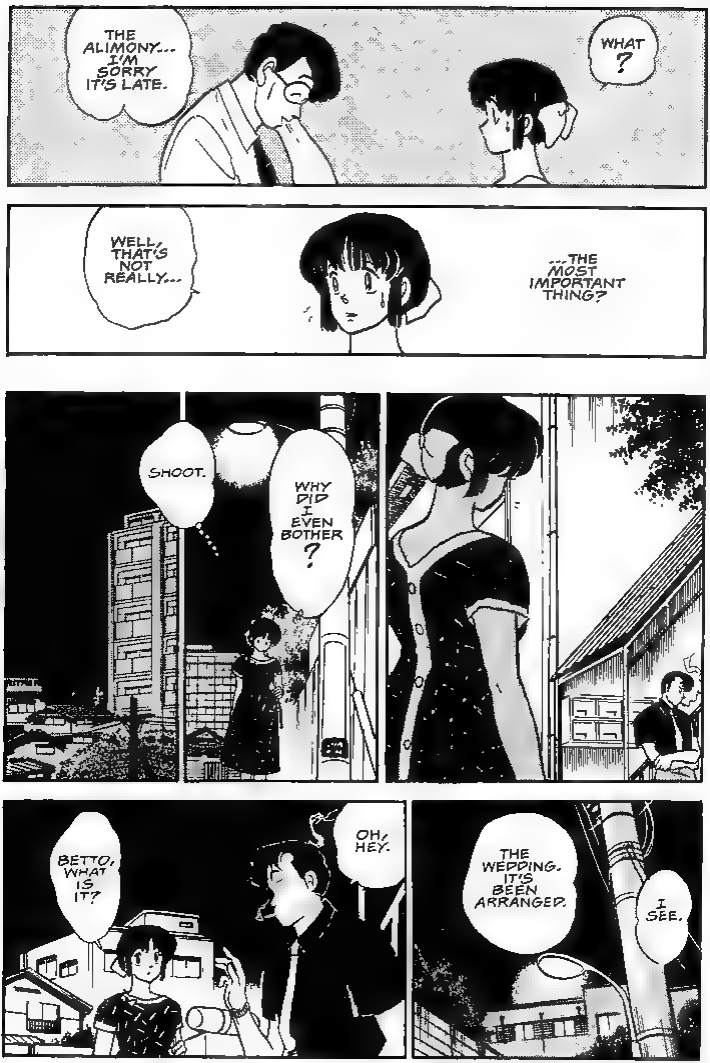
YOUR LATE FATHER MUST HAVE WILLED US TO MEET!
VVVOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM
WOW! THIS IS A CADILLAC !!
I-- I SUP-POSE.
I'M SORRY IT'S SO CRAMPED.
UMM... WHAT WAS YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH...
IT WAS THIRTY YEARS AGO...
...I WAS WORKING IN ROMANCE VILLA.
I DREAMED OF MAKING A FORTUNE IN THE U.S. USING MY SAVINGS AS CAPITAL.
HAH! THAT'S CRAZY!
AH, BUT I WAS YOUNG THEN.
I WITHDREW THE MONEY THE DAY BEFORE I WAS GOING TO LEAVE...
...AND THEN MY APART-MENT WAS BURGLAR-IZED!

IT WAS TOO MUCH MONEY TO EVER SAVE UP AGAIN.
I WAS SINKING INTO DESPAIR, WHEN...
...YOUR FATHER CAME TO ME.
HERE... TAKE THIS!
BUT, BOSS...
YOU CAN PAY ME BACK WHEN YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL IN AMERICA.
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING HE WOULD SAY.
YEAH.
THANKS TO HIM, I WAS ABLE TO GO TO THE STATES...
I WORKED HARD WITHOUT LET-UP, JUST TO BE ABLE TO REPAY HIM.
ROMANCE VILLA
AH... SWEET MEMORIES.
IT'S BECOME SO RUN DOWN...

ACTUALLY, MY WIFE AND I...
...WE MET IN THE STATES AND HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR THIRTY YEARS.
BUT WE NEVER HAD A CERE-MONY.
OH, YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR WEDDING...
...HERE?
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO IT.
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY EXTRA!!
HEY, HEY! THIS ISN'T YOUR DECISION TO MAKE!
HMPH
BUT HE'S A RICH GUY WHO OWES YOUR FATHER BIG-TIME!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SHAME-LESS?!
.....
.....
OF COURSE, IT'S TRUE...
...AND I DO STILL HAVE SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO MAKE.

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE IT IN ROMANCE VILLA.
UM, BUT... ARE YOU SURE?
I MEAN, THIS PLACE IS SO... SO...
ALL RIGHT. THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF FATE.
THERE'S ONLY FOUR OF US, THOUGH.
MY ENTIRE STAFF WILL GIVE YOU THEIR HEARTFELT SERVICE.
HNAPH
LOOK AT THE TIME! I HAVE TO RUN!
OH, SHOOT!
BETTO WILL GO OVER THE DETAILS WITH YOU.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO SEE KEIICHI.
WHA--?!
BUT KEIICHI IS...
HER EX-HUSBAND.

I'M SORRY! HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING LONG?
NO, NO...
SO... IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YUKARI.
WHAT'S, UH, ON YOUR MIND?
W-WELL...
I CAN'T START OFF...
NOTHING MUCH.
...BY DEMANDING MY ALIMONY!
DID YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT?
YOU THINK SO?
I'M JUST OVER-WORKED!
HOW ABOUT YOU...?
IS YOUR JOB GOING WELL?
YES, I GUESS.
IT'S ONLY AN ENTRY-LEVEL POSI-TION.
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET BY ON, BUT...
OH! SO YOU'RE STILL SINGLE...
WELL, WE'VE ONLY BEEN SEPARATED FOR A YEAR.
UM...


THE ALIMONY... I'M SORRY IT'S LATE.
WHAT?
WELL, THAT'S NOT REALLY...
...THE MOST IMPORTANT THING?
SHOOT.
WHY DID I EVEN BOTHER?
BETTO, WHAT IS IT?
OH, HEY.
THE WEDDING. IT'S BEEN ARRANGED.
I SEE.

A WEEK FROM NOW.
THEY WANT A CEREMONY WITH JUST THE TWO OF THEM.
THAT SHOULD BE EASY ENOUGH.
ANYWAY, THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEDDING IN ROMANCE VILLA.
.....
.....
LET'S DO OUR BEST, OKAY?
GOOD NIGHT, THEN.
CLACK CLACK
CLACK
YOU'RE STILL STUCK ON HIM, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT?
HE LEFT YOU, AND HE LEFT ROMANCE VILLA, AND THEN HE RAN AWAY.
BUT YOU'RE STILL STUCK ON HIM.
LISTEN, YOU!
DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS!
I'M ONLY DOING THIS TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR SEVERANCE PAY ANYWAY!!
WHAT?!

I TOLD YOU, I DON'T WANT ANY MONEY !!
DON'T BE STUPID !!
KOMPKOMP KUMP
IDIOT
ROMANCE VILLA
HWOOO

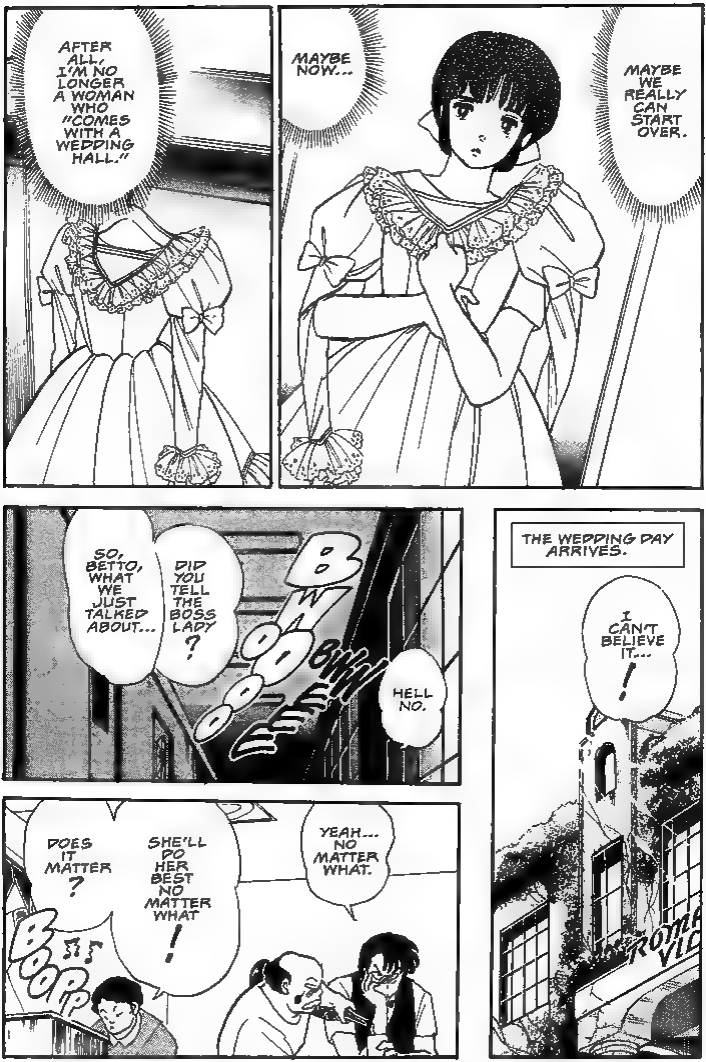
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THAT POOR ORGAN?!
FWOOOB
I'LL ACCEPT A PERFORM-ANCE FEE.
HOW CAN YOU DEMAND MONEY WHEN YOU PLAY LIKE THAT--?!?
THE CERE-MONY'S ALREADY GOT A FAKE PRIEST! WHAT DO THEY NEED A REAL ORGAN-IST FOR?!
GWEEEE
WHO YOU CALLIN' A FAKE PRIEST--?!
YOU WERE EXCOM-MUNICATED TEN YEARS AGO!!
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE JUST REFUSED TO DO THIS WED-DING.
.....
.....
KEIICHI?
WHAT--WHAT IS IT?
WELL... YOU LOOKED DE-PRESSED THE OTHER DAY...
I GUESS I WAS WOR-RIED.
IS THAT SO?

IT'S OVER, ISN'T IT? WITH THE HALL, I MEAN...
YEAH.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT WAS TOO DIFFICULT. I'LL PROBABLY FEEL RELIEVED.
UM... ER...
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
I MEAN... WELL... I GUESS IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY ANY MORE...
BUT...
I'M STILL CONCERNED.
ABOUT THE FUTURE...
WHAT...
...ARE YOU SAYING?
AND WHY NOW, OF ALL TIMES?

.....
.....
VROOOOOOM
OH--!
THAT COUPLE...
DID THEY STOP BY HERE...?
YEAH.
AND...?
HMPH
WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD REHEARSE THE VOWS.
AND I BETTER PRACTICE THE ORGAN.
?

WHERE WERE YOU?
!!
WHAT DO YOU CARE?
DON'T BE SO NOSY!
WHAT I DO IS NONE OF YOUR...
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DEFENSIVE?
I WAS JUST ASKING.
WHAT, ARE YOU FEELING GUILTY ABOUT SOMETHING?
I WAS ONLY SEEING KEIICHI!!
.....
.....
SO ARE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING, OR WHAT?
IDIOT.
BLOCKHEAD.

BRIDAL CHAMBER
GOD.
HE'S ACTING LIKE A LITTLE KID, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!
KEIICHI CAME HERE BY HIM-SELF.
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT...
.....
.....
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
I'M STILL CON-CERNED.
ABOUT THE FUTURE...
WHAT DID HE MEAN?
WE DIDN'T SEPARATE BECAUSE WE HATED EACH OTHER.
BUT IT WAS HARD TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
AND WE WERE BOTH JUST SO... TIRED.
DOES HE... CAN HE WANT TO START OVER...?


AFTER ALL, I'M NO LONGER A WOMAN WHO "COMES WITH A WEDDING HALL."
MAYBE NOW...
MAYBE WE REALLY CAN START OVER.
SO, BETTO, WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT...
DID YOU TELL THE BOSS LADY?
BWOOOOOH!!!
HELL NO.
THE WEDDING DAY ARRIVES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...!
DOES IT MATTER?
SHE'LL DO HER BEST NO MATTER WHAT!
YEAH... NO MATTER WHAT.
BOOP

YOU'RE ACTUALLY PLAYING WELL!!
HM HM
RRINNGG
OH, THE PHONE!
HELLO, ROMANCE VILLA.
KEIICHI?!
I WANT TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY!
I'M IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION NOW...
WHAT?
UM... UH...
CAN YOU MAKE IT--?
HEY! BOSS!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THE BRIDE AND GROOM ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY!!
I'M SORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

WE CAN START OVER. I KNOW IT!
I HAVE TO KNOW HOW HE FEELS!
PLEASE SAY YOU WANT TO, KEIICHI, PLEASE !!
HERE. TAKE IT.
IT'S THE ALIMONY I'VE BEEN OWING YOU.
I WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FUTURE...
AND I KNOW THIS IS... ALL I CAN DO.
I'M SORRY IT'S SO LATE.
ABC CAFE

I WAS SO STUPID...
...TO THINK THAT HE...
OH, WELL. THE MONEY WILL COME IN HANDY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YUKARI NOW?
IT'S LIKE HER MIND IS ON MARS.
DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE...

I'M THROUGH WITH MARRIAGES.
...AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE...
IT'LL BE EASIER TO STAY SINGLE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
...UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART?
I DO.
DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED HUSBAND...
...THROUGH SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH...
...FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER...
NOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IT WAS UNBEARABLE TO BE POOR!
...IN HAPPINESS AND IN SORROW...
BUT I NEVER WANTED TO BE RICH...

ALL I REALLY WANTED WAS...
...TO LOVE, TO HONOR, AND TO CHERISH...

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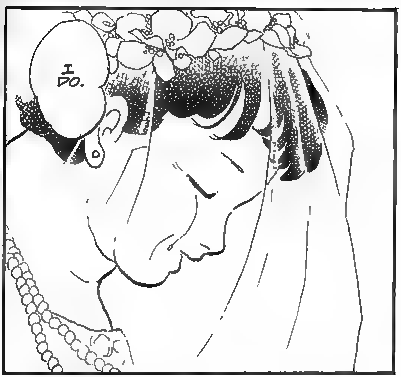
.....
...UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART?


I DO.

THANK YOU SO MUCH...
...FOR SUCH A HEART-FELT WEDDING.
AND ALL FOR NO MONEY.
!!
NO-- NO MONEY ?
WE TOOK A BEATING IN THE STOCK MARKET.
WE FINALLY DECLARED BANK-RUPTCY FIVE DAYS AGO.
DIDN'T WE TELL YOU ?
DROP THE ACT, BETTO.
BUT NOW WE CAN START OVER TOGETHER.

YOUR FATHER USED TO SAY...
...THAT MARRIAGE IS A ROMANCE THAT MUST START FROM SCRATCH.
SO THE WEDDING HALL IS A PLACE LIKE A BLANK SLATE.
...TO START OVER IN ROMANCE VILLA, WHERE YOUR FATHER HELPED ME MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE...
ROMANCE VILLA
...AND BROUGHT ME AND MY WIFE TOGETHER.
YOU SEE, THAT'S WHY I WANTED...
IT WILL PROBABLY BE MORE DIFFICULT FROM HERE ON.
IT WILL BE DIFFI-CULT.
OH, NO! WE'VE BEEN POOR TOGETHER BEFORE!
HM PH
YOU'RE VERY STRONG.
NO, WE'RE WEAK!

AND AT THIS AGE...
...ALL WE HAVE IS EACH OTHER.
I HOPE YOU FIND SOMEONE SOON, YOUNG LADY.
OH...NO, MA'AM...
I'M NOT...
OH YEAH?
AREN'T YOU STARTING OVER, TOO?!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
OH... NOTHING.
SHALL WE GO?
YES, MY DEAR.

THIS PLACE IS ONE BIG MINUS...
SO... WHY DON'T WE KEEP GOING UNTIL WE CAN BRING IT BACK UP TO ZERO?!
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO WANTED TO QUIT ANYWAY...
SHIH

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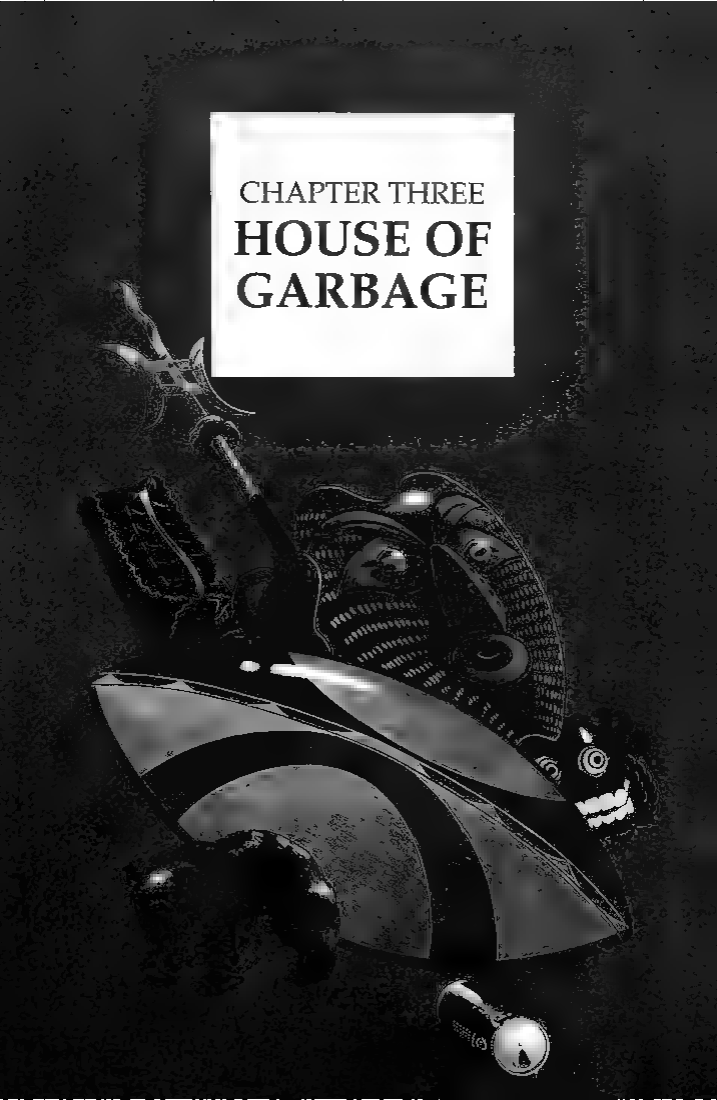
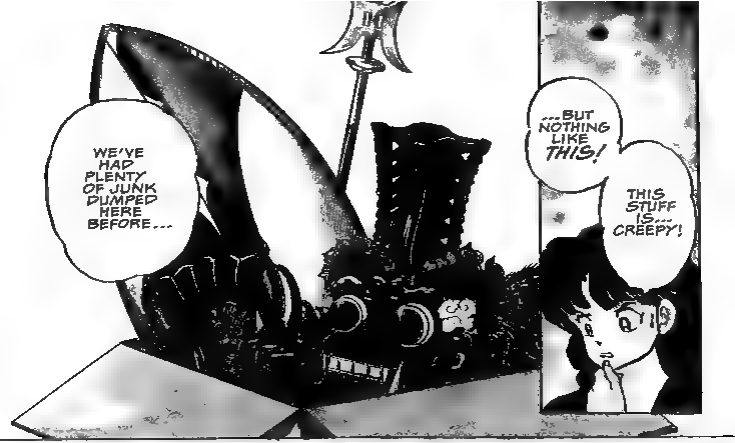
CHAPTER THREE

HOUSE OF GARBAGE



OH, NO!!
NOT AGAIN!!
HON-EEEEE! COME HERE!
HMM?
HOOOOMMMMMOOOOOOOOO

NOT MORE TRASH?
DOES OUR HOUSE LOOK LIKE A TRASH COLLECTION SITE?! DOES IT?! DOES IT?!
KENTO, AMI, DON'T TOUCH!
WHAT IS THIS STUFF?
IT'S WEIRD!
THERE'S A BERMUDA TRIANGLE AT SEA THAT CAPTURES SHIPS.
CAN THERE BE ONE ON LAND THAT CAPTURES TRASH?
BECAUSE IF THERE IS...
...MY HOUSE IS IT.
LOOK! THE ANGLE OF THE WALL WHERE IT CUTS BEHIND THE POLE... IT...IT IS!
IT'S THE TOKYO TRIANGLE! GARBAGE GOES IN, BUT IT DOESN'T COME OUT! HEE HEE HEEEE!
DADDY, THIS IS NOT FUNNY!


WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF JUNK DUMPED HERE BEFORE...
...BUT NOTHING LIKE THIS!
THIS STUFF IS... CREEPY!

KLAKE-TA KLAKE-TA
OH! HI, BOSS!

EH?

OH. HIROOKA.
YOU TAKE THIS TRAIN TOO?

EVERY DAY. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ON IT BEFORE, THOUGH.
EARTH IS BEING INVADED! MAYBE.
ACTUALLY, WE JUST MOVED.

YES SIR...?
BUT TELL ME, HIROOKA.
I WANT YOUR OPINION HERE.
DON'T BE SILLY.
I COULD'VE HELPED YOU OUT!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING!
EARTH IS BEING INVADED! MAYBE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Hong Kong's Famous TIGER BALM GARDENS
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
OF COURSE NOT!
DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH A NEW PROJECT?
UM... ER...
EARTH IS BEING INVADED! MAYBE.
EARTH ALREADY INVADED !!
TRAIN PASS
.....
.....

I'M JUST ASKING IF YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.
I HAPPEN TO LIKE IT A GREAT DEAL
.....
.....
YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY, SIR, BUT I LOVE THIS KIND OF THING.
YEAH.
PRETTY NICE, ISN'T IT?
KYA KYA KYA KYA
THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS.
WHY SHOULD I BE LUGGING SOME-ONE ELSE'S TRASH?
GRRZZZ
OKAY, GREAT. NOW IT'S JUST THE STUFF IN THE BOX.
WHAT?
WHERE'D IT GO--?!

Skwish Skwish
DADDY! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING ?!?
BUT RITSUKO--
--WE CAN'T JUST THROW THESE THINGS AWAY.
THEY'RE TOO... INTERESTING!
WHISSSH
GIMME MR. BEAR! GIMME MR. BEAR!!
POP
IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS I MISS YOUR MOTHER.
OH, SPARE ME, DADDY!
DON-O

HWOOOOOOO
THIS IS NOT A TRASH COLLECTION SITE! THANK YOU!
HWOOOOOOO
HONEY? WILL YOU HELP ME DRAG THAT STUFF TO THE TRASH COL--
FFUMMP
HUH?
THEY'RE GONE ?!
SOME-BODY PICKED THEM UP... BUT...
THEY'RE SCATTERED...
--LIKE A TRAIL !!
LOOK, HONEY !
OVER THERE !

OH, NO! DEAR!
WHERE DID YOU FIND THOSE THINGS ??
THIS HOUSE... A NEW COUPLE JUST MOVED IN HERE.
THESE'RE MY TREASURES! Y-YOU SSSREW 'EM OUT WIZZOUT TELLIN' ME!
HIC HIC
AND AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT TO TO DRAG THEM TO THE GARBAGE PICK-UP SITE... !!
EX-CUSE ME !!
STOMP STOMP
YES?

CAN I ASSUME..
...THAT THIS TRASH IS YOURS ??

WHY, YES! BUT...
HIC!
THEY'RE MINE, AWRIGHT! BUT THEY'RE NOT TRASH !!
OH, NO!

WHAT-EVER YOU CALL IT...
...I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY HOUSE—

SAY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D MOVED TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD... BOSS!
WHO
EH--? OH, HIROOKA.

B-BUH...
BOSS?
WELL, MY GOODNESS! MY HUSBAND HAS TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!
HE'S A GREAT WORKER, Y'R HUZZBAN'! YEZZ INDEEDY!
HA HA HA HA!
I'M SO PLEASED TO MEET YOU. DO COME IN!
HEH!
WHAT... IS THIS--?!
WOW, WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT A GREAT COLLECTION! ISN'T IT, HONEY?
HA HA HA HAAAHH! GLAD YOU LIKE IT!

HE BUYS THE STRANGEST THINGS WHEN HE TRAVELS.
I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I KEEP THROWING THEM OUT!
WELL... UM... I...
HIROOKA! YOU'RE A MAN WHO KNOWS QUALITY, EH?
YOU SAID IT, BOSS!
DEAR, YOU KNOW I'LL ONLY THROW THEM OUT AGAIN.
TRY IT!
I'LL JUST GO T'THAT COLLECTION SITE AND BRING 'EM BACK!
HONEY?
JAB
HUH?!
OH... HEH... ABOUT THAT COLLECTION SITE... IT'S... UMM...

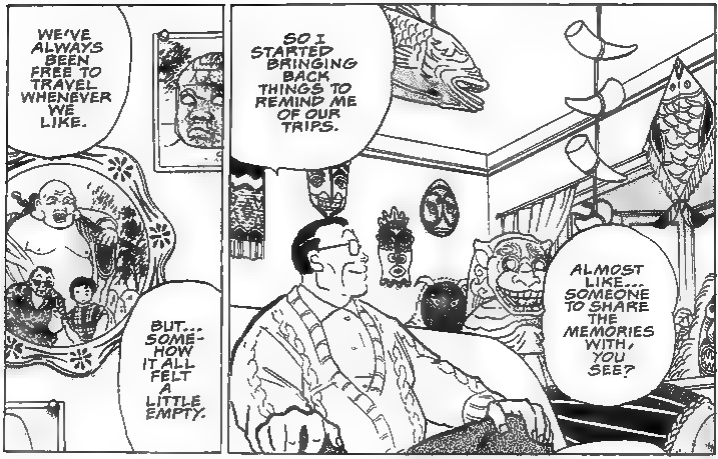
HE'S TRYING TO SAY THAT THE PLACE WHERE YOU THREW THESE THINGS OUT...
WELL... IT'S IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE!
YOUR HOUSE?!
Y-YES. AND... WELL...
OH! SO THAT'S WHY YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY...
...TO BRING THIS JUNK BACK!
THE COLLECTION SITE IS AT YOUR HOUSE?! THAT'S GREAT!!
BUT...
IT'S...
YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF MY TREASURES FROM NOW ON, EH?
EH HE HE HE
SQUEEEZ
I'LL... HUH?

HWOOOOO
OH, GREAT...
OH, JEEZ...
SO NOW THEY'RE CONVINCED THAT THE PLACE TO DUMP TRASH IS IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE
HWOOOOOOOO
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THEM?!
YOU WEREN'T HELPING ANY EITHER!
IT'S RIDICULOUS, THAT'S WHAT.
SAFEGUARDING THE BOSS'S GARBAGE ISN'T EXACTLY IN HIS JOB DESCRIPTION.
I HAVE TO TELL THEM! NEXT TIME I SEE EITHER OF THEM I'M GOING TO...
HUFF PUFF!
EEEP!
HOSST
EXCUSE ME, MRS.--

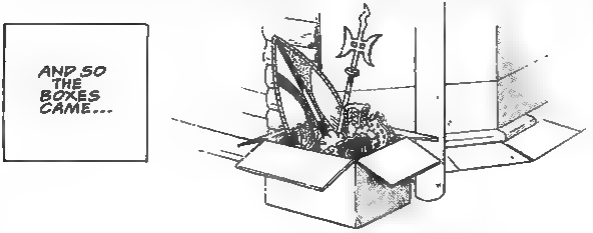
OH!
GOOD MORNING!
UH... YES.
G-G-GOOD MORNING. UM...
WHEW!
EX... EXCUSE ME, MRS.--
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT.
I'M AFRAID MY HUSBAND HAD A TOUCH TOO MUCH TO DRINK.
NO, PLEASE, THAT'S FINE! BUT M-MRS.--
I'LL TELL YOU, THOUGH...
...HE THINKS AWFULLY HIGHLY OF YOUR HUSBAND!
HE... DOES?
LOOK FOR A PROMOTION SOON!
A PR... PR...

BYE NOW!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WAAAH!
.....
.....
DING DONG
KLANK
SURELY JUST ONE WOULDN'T HURT...
NO!
WHEE!
STOP PLAYING WITH THOSE NOW!!
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
OH, HEY, I'M HAPPY TO DO IT!
YOU'RE A GOOD WORKER, HIROOKA.
AND YOU'VE GOT GOOD TASTE!
YOU'VE GOT A GREAT FUTURE WITH US.
OH, I HOPE SO, SIR!!
EVERY MORNING...
SHUFF PUFF

AND EVERY NIGHT...
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO KEEP THIS UP?
I'LL... I'LL TELL THEM. IF YOU COME WITH ME.
EH--?
OH. HIROOKA.
COME IN. COME IN.
MY WIFE'S GONE OUT, BUT...
OH, THAT'S... THAT'S FINE, SIR.
MAN, OH MAN!
WHAT A COLLECTION, EH? HEH HEH! IT BOGGLES THE MIND!
THAT'S NOT WHY WE CAME HERE!
I HAVE TO WARM HIM UP FIRST!
NUDGE NUDGE
I PICKED OUT EVERY ONE OF THESE...
MY WIFE HATES THIS STUFF, YOU KNOW!
BUT... WELL... SINCE WE WEREN'T BLESSED WITH CHILDREN...
HUH?


WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN FREE TO TRAVEL WHENEVER WE LIKE.
BUT... SOMEHOW IT ALL FELT A LITTLE EMPTY.
SO I STARTED BRINGING BACK THINGS TO REMIND ME OF OUR TRIPS.
ALMOST LIKE... SOMEONE TO SHARE THE MEMORIES WITH, YOU SEE?

THE TRUTH IS... THESE ARE LIKE CHILDREN TO ME.
WHAT YOU'RE DOING... MEANS SO MUCH TO ME.
WE UNDER-STAND.
SIGHHH
SO, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
TALK...??

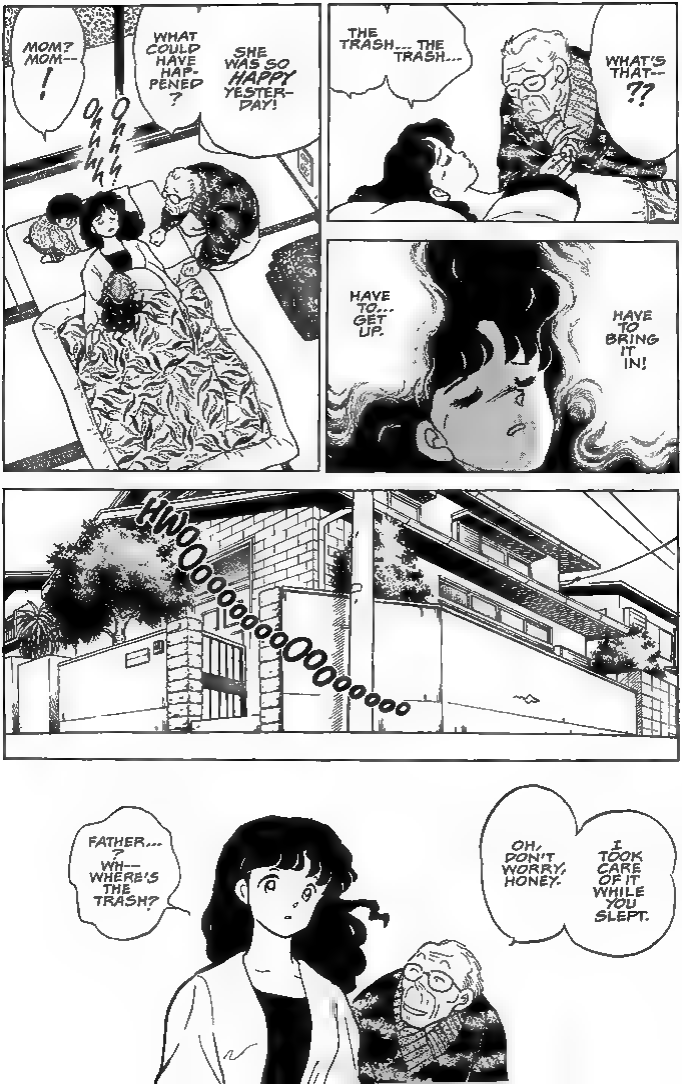

AND SO THE BOXES CAME...

...AND PRETTY SOON THEY WEREN'T ALONE.
AAARRGH! NOW EVERY-BODY THINKS THIS IS THE COLLECTION SITE!
WEEKS PASSED, UNTIL...
A BUSINESS TRIP--?
I'M GOING WITH THE BOSS.
HE CHOSE ME!
REALLY?
IF THIS GOES WELL... I'LL HAVE THAT PROMOTION WRAPPED UP TIGHT!
THAT'S WONDER-FUL!!
SO... UM... I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND.
DON'T WORRY HONEY... HIS TRASH IS SAFE WITH ME!
RITSUKO...
DARLING...?

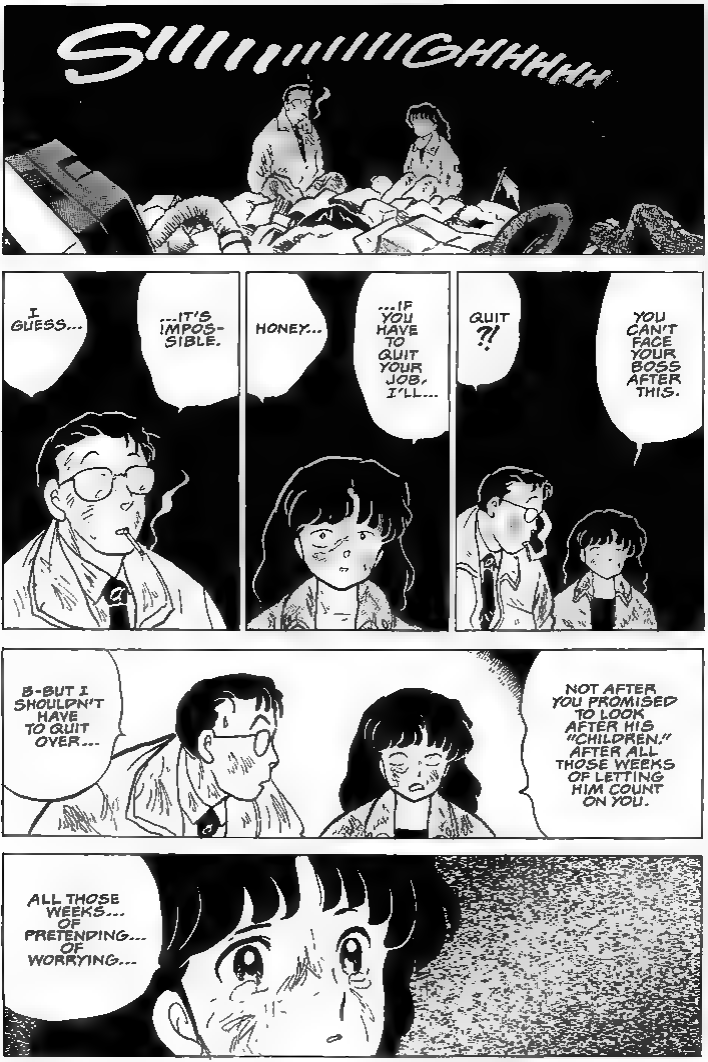
SOBB!
THIS WOULD MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, HONEY!
MRS. HIROOKA!
HOW NICE TO SEE YOU!
YOUR HUSBAND IS GONE NOW TOO, ISN'T HE?
HEH HEH
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU WITH ALL THAT JUNK. BUT IT'S ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF NOW.
OH...?

I WAS BEING SO SILLY!
AS IF THROWING AWAY JUST ONE BOXFUL OF THAT JUNK WOULD SOLVE ANYTHING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR LUCK!!
WELL, BYE NOW!
THEN SHE'S...
...SHE'S GIVEN UP!
WELL, WELL, LOOK AT YOU! SOMETHING AWFULLY GOOD MUST HAVE HAPPENED TODAY!
FREE AT LAST!!
THEN MORNING CAME...

WE HAUL
MOVERS
AWOOOOOOOO
EEK!
THIS...
THIS IS...
UHH UHH UHH
...EVERY-THING...
AS IF THROWING AWAY JUST ONE BOXFUL OF THAT JUNK WOULD SOLVE ANYTHING!
TAKE CARE OF MY CHILDREN WHILE I'M GONE!
MY CHILDREN...
MY CHILDREN...


MOM? MOM--- !
OHHH!
OHHH!
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED ?
SHE WAS SO HAPPY YESTERDAY!
THE TRASH... THE TRASH...
WHAT'S THAT-- ??
HAVE TO... GET UP.
HAVE TO BRING IT IN!
HWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
FATHER... ? WH--WHERE'S THE TRASH?
OH, DON'T WORRY, HONEY.
I TOOK CARE OF IT WHILE YOU SLEPT.

YOU THREW IT AWAY ?!?
THE DUMP
HWOOO


SIIIIIIIIIIIGHHHHH
I GUESS...
...IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
HONEY...
...IF YOU HAVE TO QUIT YOUR JOB, I'LL...
QUIT ?!
YOU CAN'T FACE YOUR BOSS AFTER THIS.
B-BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO QUIT OVER...
NOT AFTER YOU PROMISED TO LOOK AFTER HIS "CHILDREN." AFTER ALL THOSE WEEKS OF LETTING HIM COUNT ON YOU.
ALL THOSE WEEKS... OF PRETENDING... OF WORRYING...

AND ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS TELL THEM...
...THAT OUR HOUSE ISN'T THE TRASH COLLECTION SITE!!

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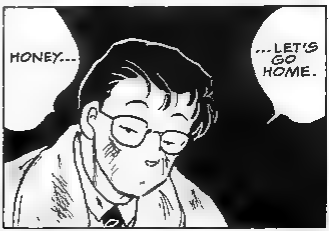
WAAAH!
I CAN'T STAND IT!!


HONEY...
...LET'S GO HOME.

YOU'RE... GOING TO TELL HIM?
HR UHCH

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
I'LL TELL HIM MYSELF
KRUNCH
NO, NO. I WANT TO GO WITH YOU.
KRRNK
HERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
I BOUGHT THIS IN THAT FLOATING MARKET IN THAILAND!
AND I BEGGED YOU NOT TO BUY IT.
I REMEMBER GETTING THIS IN SINGAPORE!
IT WAS HONG KONG, DEAR. AND THEY CHEATED YOU.
THE BOSS....
KRRNK
...AND THE MISSUS!

THESE ARE ALL OUR MEMORIES! HOW CAN YOU JUST THROW THEM AWAY LIKE THIS--?!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU, DEAR. I KEEP ALL MY MEMORIES IN MY MIND.
SHHF KNCHH
I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE...
IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT MY WELL-BEING, WHY'D YOU THROW 'EM AWAY?!
THEY DON'T SEEM...
...TERRIBLY UPSET.
OHH! IT'S THE HIROOKAS!
EH--?!
YOU TWO DIDN'T COME OUT HERE... TO RESCUE MY STUFF, DID YOU?
WELL... ACTUALLY... YES.
OH. WE'VE... WE'VE REALLY BEEN A PAIN IN THE NECK, HAVEN'T WE?

WE'RE SO SORRY.
REALLY. WE ARE.
NO, NO!
IT'S JUST THAT... UHH...
JUST WHAT?
WELL... YOU SEE...
...OUR HOUSE ISN'T THE TRASH COLLECTION SITE.

HWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
WHIK
WHIK
WE FINALLY SAID IT.
YOU MEAN... ALL THIS TIME WE'VE... WE'VE BEEN...
WHY THE HELL DIDN'T YOU TELL US BEFORE ?!
OH, DEAR! I'VE MADE SUCH A FOOL OF MYSELF!
WE'RE SORRY! WE'RE SORRY!
GU-P! GU-P!
THE BOSS AND HIS WIFE SEARCHED UNTIL MORNING...
...AND FINALLY FOUND ALL THEIR TRASH.

WE WERE FREED FROM THE CURSE OF THE BOSS'S GARBAGE...
SHFF
KENTO, NO!
THAT'S A GOOD BOY.
THINK OF THE POOR PERSON WHO HAS TO PICK IT UP.
YOU CAN UNDER-STAND THAT, CAN'T YOU?
HUH ?
...AND NEATNESS...
THIS IS NOT A TRASH COLLECTION SITE! THANK YOU!
...MAY SOME-DAY BE RE-STORED.
HEY! YOU!
CAN'T YOU READ THE SIGN ?!
JE NE PEUX PAS LIRE JAPONAIS!

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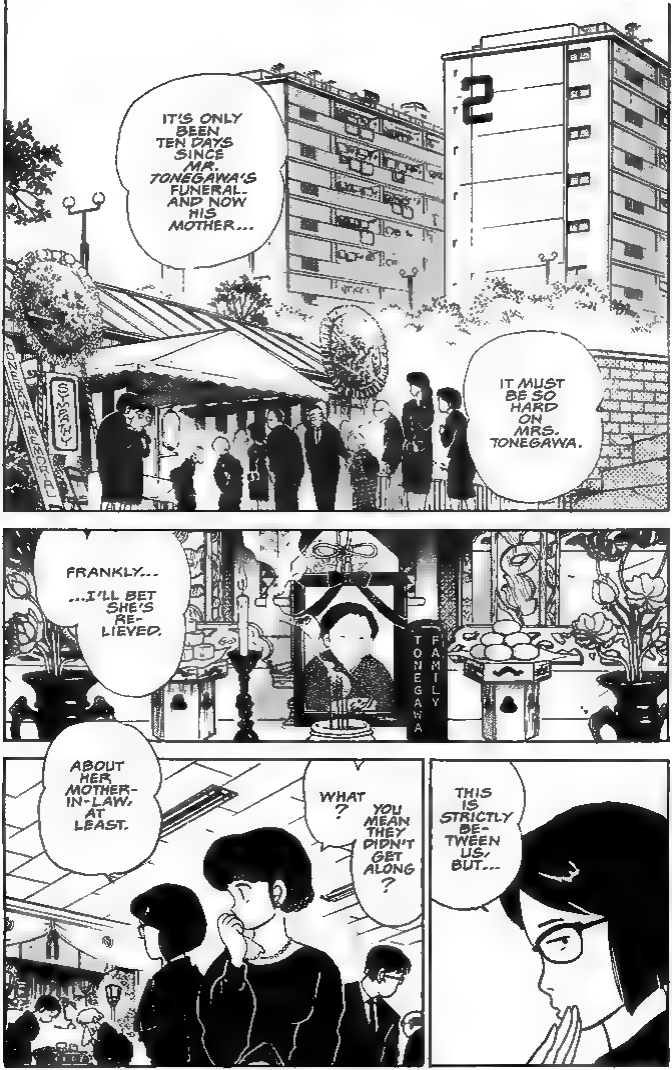
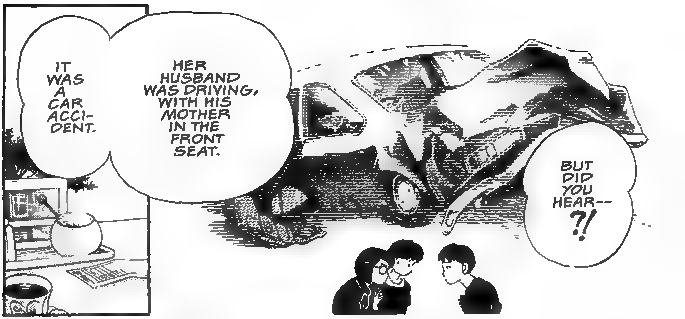
CHAPTER FOUR

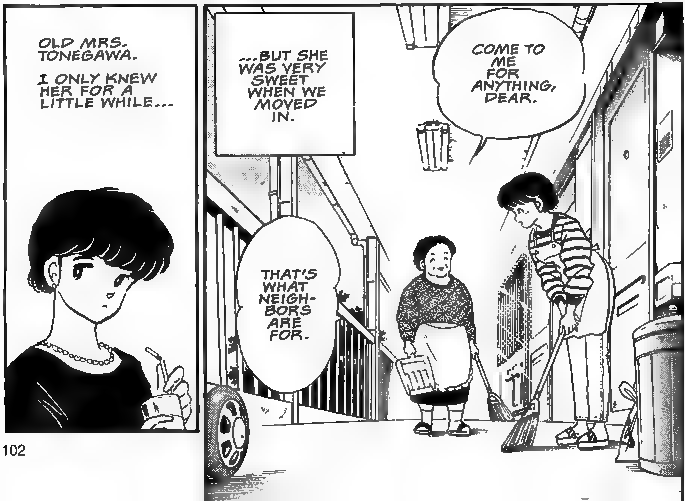
HIDDEN IN THE POTTERY

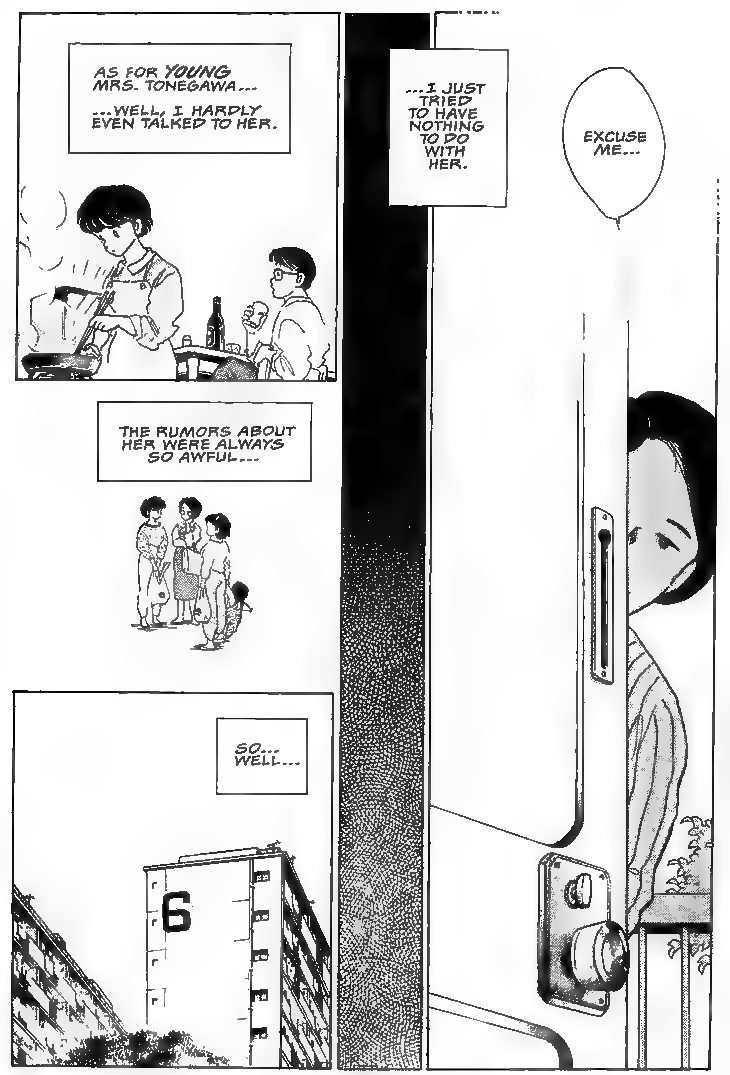

IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN DAYS SINCE MR. TONEGAWA'S FUNERAL. AND NOW HIS MOTHER...
IT MUST BE SO HARD ON MRS. TONEGAWA.
SWAN
RECORDS
FRANKLY... ...I'LL BET SHE'S RE-LIEVED.
TONEGAWA FAMILY
ABOUT HER MOTHER-IN-LAW, AT LEAST.
WHAT? YOU MEAN THEY DIDN'T GET ALONG?
THIS IS STRICTLY BE-TWEEN US, BUT...

...MRS. TONEGAWA WAS A TERRIBLE WIFE.
SHE NEVER COOKED, NEVER CLEANED...
...NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR HER HUSBAND.
SHE DUMPED IT ALL ON HER MOTHER-IN-LAW.
THAT'S HARD TO...
WHAT-- IS SHE'S YAWNING!


IT WAS A CAR ACCI-DENT.
HER HUSBAND WAS DRIVING, WITH HIS MOTHER IN THE FRONT SEAT.
BUT DID YOU HEAR--?!

SHE DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF HER MOTHER-IN-LAW WHILE THE POOR OLD WOMAN WAS IN THE HOSPITAL!
JUST HIRED A PRIVATE NURSE!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN AWFULLY EXPEN-SIVE!


OLD MRS. TONEGAWA.
I ONLY KNEW HER FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
...BUT SHE WAS VERY SWEET WHEN WE MOVED IN.
COME TO ME FOR ANYTHING, DEAR.
THAT'S WHAT NEIGH-BORS ARE FOR.


AS FOR YOUNG MRS. TONEGAWA...
...WELL, I HARDLY EVEN TALKED TO HER.
THE RUMORS ABOUT HER WERE ALWAYS SO AWFUL...
SO... WELL...
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...I JUST TRIED TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HER.
EXCUSE ME...

UH... I--
COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THESE...
...JUST FOR A FEW DAYS...?
OH! YOU'RE GOING AWAY?
TO THE FAMILY CEMETERY IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE. FOR THE INTER-MENT.
IF YOU COULD JUST GIVE THEM SOME SUN...
...AND WATER THEM WHEN THEY'RE DRY.

MY HUSBAND AND I... WE TREASURED THEM SO.
SHE LOOKED SO MUCH SADDER THAN AT THE FUNERAL THAT...
WELL.
FOR A FEW DAYS EVERY-THING WAS FINE.
FWAP FWAP

KAAAAAAAAA
OH, NO.
YOOOOOOOO
SHOOT.
MY SHEETS MUST HAVE DONE IT.
OH, WELL.
I'LL HAVE TO RE-PLANT THIS AND...
HMM ?
THIS ISN'T... A PIECE OF THE POT...
IT LOOKS LIKE... BONE

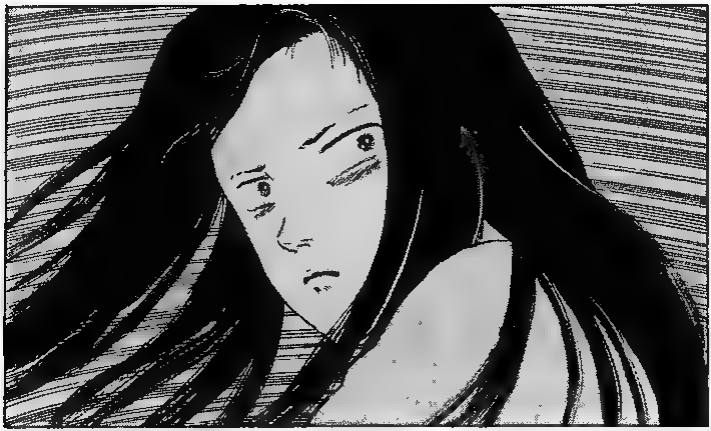
BONE !!
BUT WHAT...?
WHY...?!
NO, NO!
FESH
THIS IS SO CREEPY...
WHAT... WHAT KIND OF BONE IS IT?
HU EHU
HER MOTHER-IN-LAW... SHE JUST...
BUT NO! IT CAN'T BE!

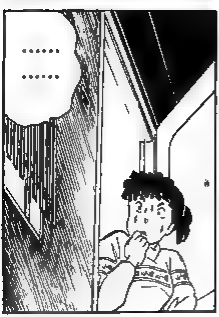
BONE..
??
COME ON!
IT'S JUS' FOR FERTIL-IZER!
BUT COULD IT...
COULD IT BE... HUMAN BONE--??
.....
.....
OH, COME ON!!
IT WAS CRAZY...

...BUT IT IS A BONE.
I CAN'T STAND THIS. IT'S TOO CREEPY!
THOSE PLANTS HAVE TO GO BACK!
DINNGGDONGG
DINNGGDONGG
MRS. TONEGAWA?
STILL NOT BACK YET.
LOOKING FOR MRS. TONEGAWA?
IT'S BEEN AWHILE.
MAY-BE SHE MOVED OUT.
WH-WHAT?!
GASP
HEY, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

BUT SHE'S SO ANTI-SOCIAL.
I WOULDN'T BE A BIT SURPRISED IF SHE JUST LEFT AND DIDN'T SAY A WORD.
WELL... MAYBE... BUT I--
I DON'T LIKE HER.
SHE SCARES ME.
SCARES YOU...?
IT HAPPENED BEFORE YOU MOVED HERE...
EEEEE!
BA BAM

I HEARD A SCREAM, AND...
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! FORGIVE ME !!
COME BACK IN... MOTHER.
SHEEEEEE
I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO BE KILLED!
MRS. TONEGAWA--! THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO...

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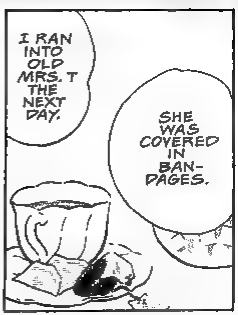
I RAN INTO OLD MRS. T THE NEXT DAY.
SHE WAS COVERED IN BANDAGES.

MY HUSBAND DIED YOUNG...
...SO I HAD TO RAISE MY SON BY MYSELF.
AND AFTER ALL THAT... FOR HIM TO MARRY SOMEONE LIKE HER...

OH, THESE BRUISES ARE NOTHING. I'M USED TO IT.
ANYWAY, SHE CAN'T COOK, SO...
Sale
BUT... BUT EVEN SO...
TUNE IN AGAIN NEXT WEEK!
SHE... SHE WOULDN'T...
BASED ON A TRUE STORY!
"I BUTCHERED MY MOTHER-IN-LAW!"
.....
.....
YOSHIKO... WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHUT UP, OLD LADY! JUST SHUT UP!!

GASP
COULD IT BE... THAT EVERY ONE OF THESE POTS...
CONTAINS ANOTHER PIECE OF... OF...
NO! WHAT AM I THINKING?!
I'M GOING CRAZY!!
BUT... IF SHE DIDN'T...
THEN WHY...?
WHY THE BONE...??

The Green Garden
042-XXXX
SUNSAVORY GOLDEN
SUNSAVORY GOLDEN
POKK
SUN G
HEY! DON'T POKE INTO THE POTS, PLEASE!
OH.
The Green Garden
SAY THERE... WEREN'T YOU AT THE TONEGAWA FUNERAL?
UM... YES.
WE WERE NEIGH-BORS.
I FEEL SO BAD FOR THE YOUNG WIDOW.
The Green Garden
ER... YES... OF COURSE.

SHE'S SO PRETTY. YEP, THAT'S A FACT.
UH...
IN A QUIET WAY, Y'KNOW?
WHEN SHE SMILES...
WHEN SHE... SMILES?
MRS. TONEGAWA??
WELL... YEAH!
SHE'S HUMAN, ISN'T SHE?
I... SUPPOSE SO.
SHE AND HER HUSBAND USED TO COME LOOKING FOR PLANTS.
THEY WERE SO MUCH IN LOVE, YOU COULD JUST SEE IT!

HE DOESN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT.
POOR OLD MRS. TONEGAWA...
THE LAST YEARS OF HER LIFE, TRAPPED AND ABUSED...
I COULD UNDERSTAND IF SHE'D CHOPPED UP HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S BONES! BUT THIS WAY...
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
KLAK KLAK
BUT... THAT BONE!
WHAT ABOUT THAT BONE...?!

EXCUSE ME...
I... JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WATCHING MY PLANTS.
UH...
IT WAS A GREAT HELP.
IT-- IT WAS NOTHING.
HM? THIS POT...
OH!
UM...

I'M... I'M SORRY, BUT...
BUT ONE OF THE POTS BROKE, AND I...
...I HAD TO RE-PLANT IT IN A NEW ONE.
YOU DID THAT?
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU.
THE ONLY THING WAS...
GULP
UM... THERE WAS THIS WHITE THING...
EX-CUSE ME?
IT... ER...
IT LOOKED LIKE A BONE.

.....
.....
BUMP
AKIRA
SHE'S GOING TO KILL ME!
DON'T TOUCH ME... OR I'LL SCREAM !!
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SO...
THERE WAS STILL SOME LEFT...
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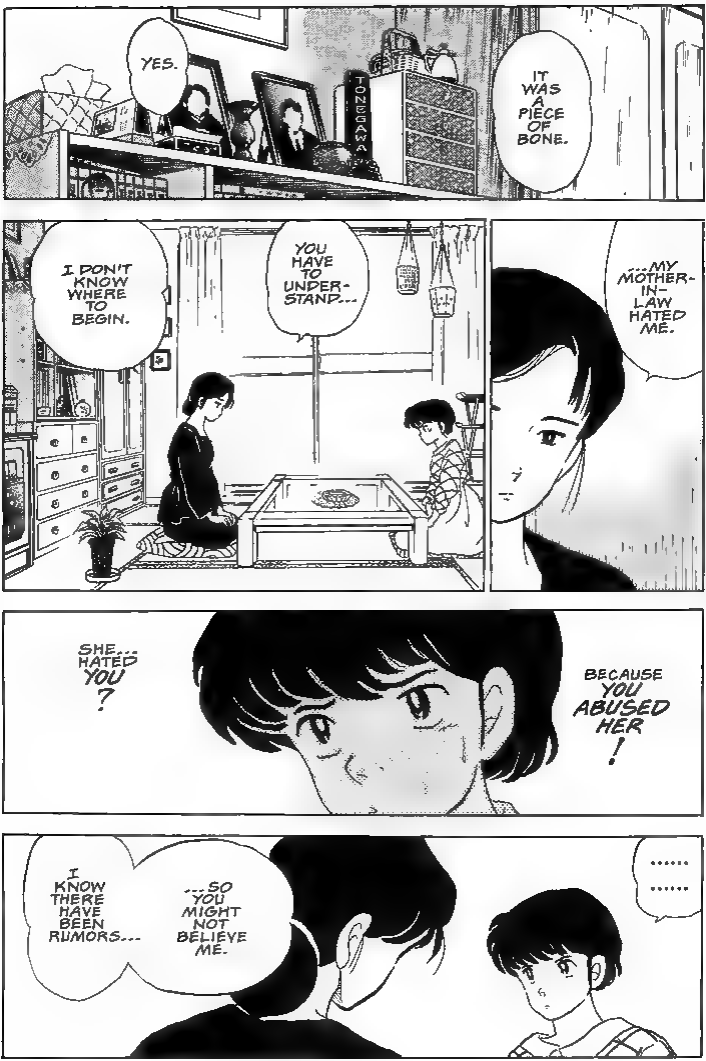
YES.
TONEGAWA
IT WAS A PIECE OF BONE.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.
YOU HAVE TO UNDER-STAND...
...MY MOTHER-IN-LAW HATED ME.
SHE... HATED YOU?
BECAUSE YOU ABUSED HER!
I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS...
...SO YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME.
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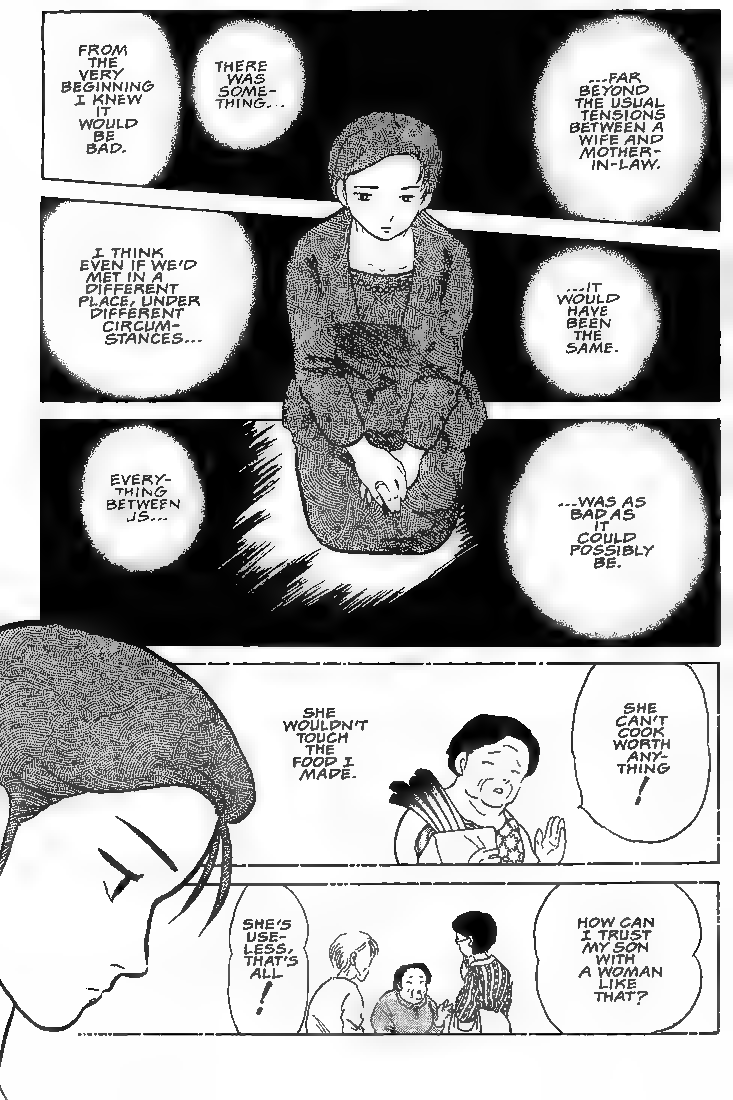
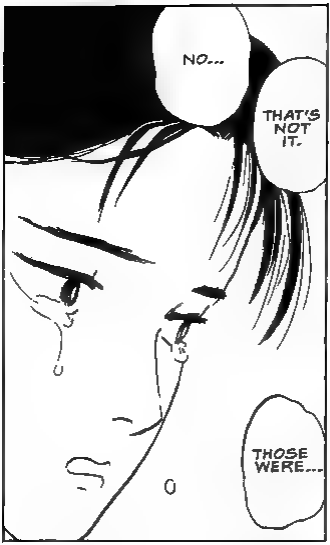

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING I KNEW IT WOULD BE BAD.
THERE WAS SOME-THING...
...FAR BEYOND THE USUAL TENSIONS BETWEEN A WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW.
I THINK EVEN IF WE'D MET IN A DIFFERENT PLACE, UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUM-STANCES...
...IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME.
EVERY-THING BETWEEN US...
...WAS AS BAD AS IT COULD POSSIBLY BE.
SHE WOULDN'T TOUCH THE FOOD I MADE.
SHE CAN'T COOK WORTH ANY-THING!
SHE'S USE-LESS, THAT'S ALL!
HOW CAN I TRUST MY SON WITH A WOMAN LIKE THAT?

I'M NOT A VERY... SOCIABLE PERSON.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TURN TO PEOPLE...
...HOW TO QUASH THE RUMORS SHE WAS SPREADING ABOUT ME.
BUT ONE DAY I JUST... JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!
THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR!!
I WANT YOU TO STOP SPREADING THESE LIES!!
IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME--
--THEN TAKE IT UP WITH ME!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
I'LL APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY!
WILL YOU BE HAPPY THEN?

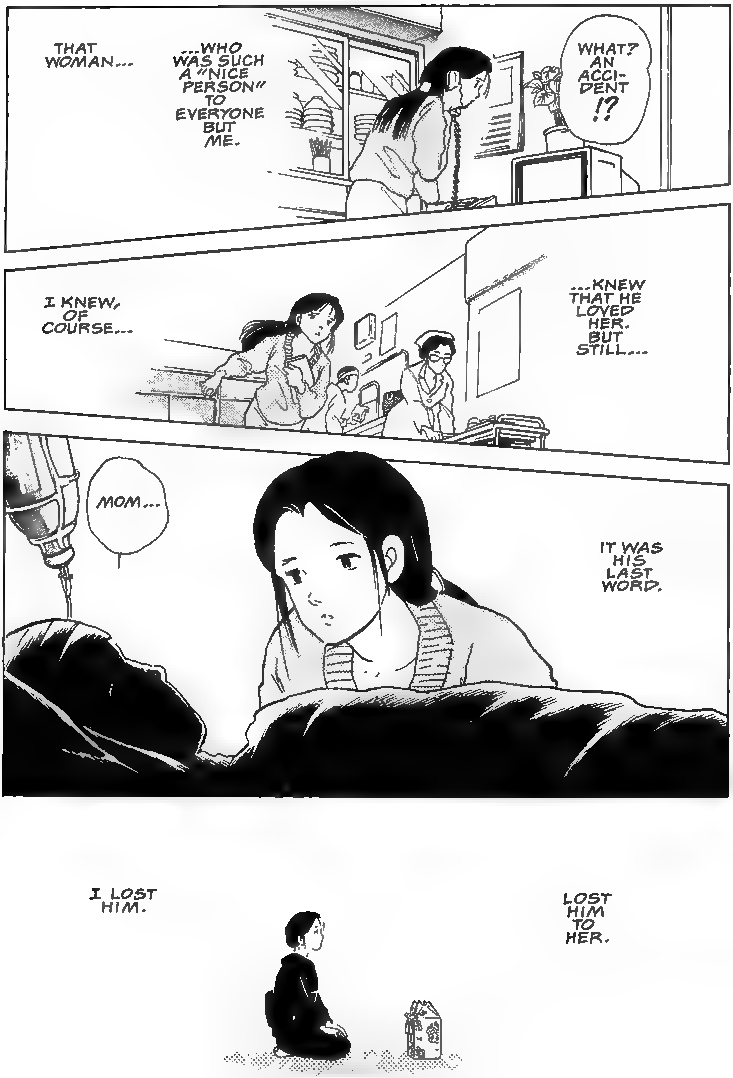
EEEEEEEE!
AH!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
FORGIVE ME!
IT WAS THEN THAT I FINALLY KNEW...
...THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HER.
RATTL RATTL
BUT... BUT EVEN SO...
EVEN WITH ALL THAT...
...HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO HER REMAINS?!

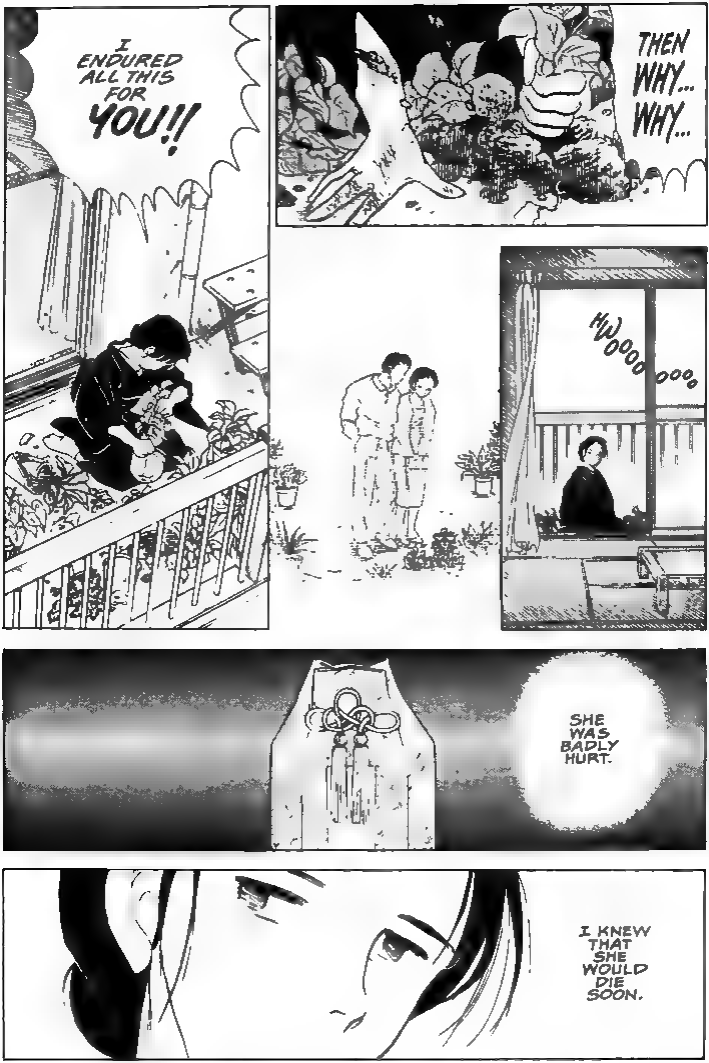

NO...
THAT'S NOT IT.
THOSE WERE...

THEY WERE... MY HUSBAND'S BONES.

WHAT...
BUT WHY...

IT WAS FOR HIS SAKE...
...THAT I KEPT LIVING WITH THAT WOMAN.


THAT WOMAN...
...WHO WAS SUCH A "NICE PERSON" TO EVERYONE BUT ME.
WHAT? AN ACCI-DENT !?
I KNEW, OF COURSE...
...KNEW THAT HE LOVED HER. BUT STILL...
MOM...
IT WAS HIS LAST WORD.
I LOST HIM.
LOST HIM TO HER.


I ENDURED ALL THIS FOR YOU!!
THEN WHY... WHY...
HUOOOOOOO
SHE WAS BADLY HURT.
I KNEW THAT SHE WOULD DIE SOON.

I COULDN'T BEAR TO THINK OF HIM BURIED BESIDE HER.
YES, I RESENTED HIM, BUT I STILL WANTED HIM NEAR ME.
SO I DID... THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK OF...
.....
.....
BUT THEN...
I LOST MY NERVE AFTER ALL.
I PUT THEM ALL BACK IN THE URN...
...AND GAVE HIM A PROPER BURIAL. BUT...

I MUST HAVE LEFT ONE...
...I'M SO SORRY.
DARLING...
MRS. TONEGAWA MOVED OUT SOON AFTER.
Atlas Moving Co.

YOU KNOW... I WAS JUST THINK-ING...
IF HE'D HAD ONE MORE BREATH...
...HE MIGHT HAVE CALLED YOUR NAME.
THAT'S TRUE. I'LL TRY TO THINK SO.
I COULD SEE HER SAD-NESS.
BUT MRS. TONEGAWA DID HER VERY BEST TO SMILE.

THE END

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CHAPTER FIVE

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LOVE

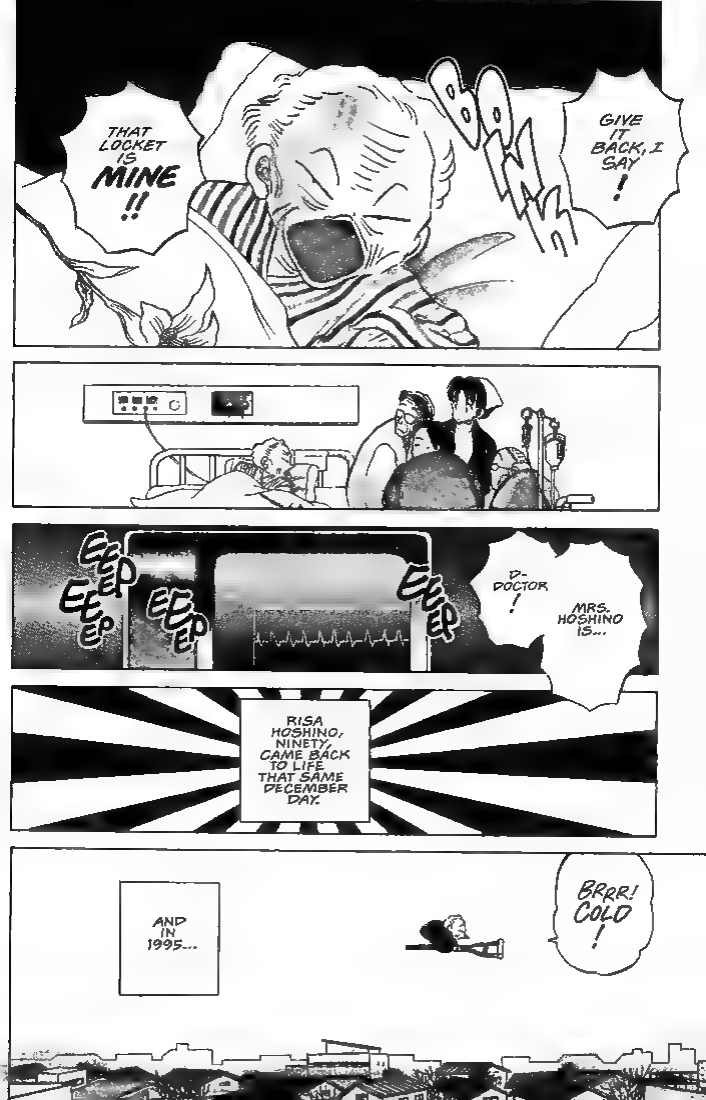
WHAT'S THIS...?
dog
MEMORIES... RUSHING BACK SO FAST...
I'M SORRY YOSABURO!

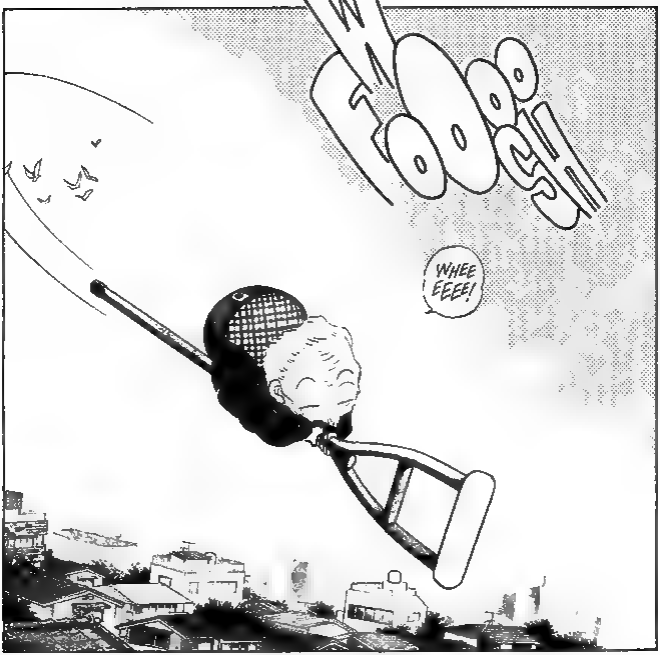
RES PIRATION SLOW- ING
PU-SE DOWN TO THIRTY
BLOOD PRESSURE DROP PING
AH... OF COURSE...
THEY SAY THAT JUST BEFORE YOU DIE...
HHH...
...YOUR LIFE PASSES BEFORE YOUR EYES.

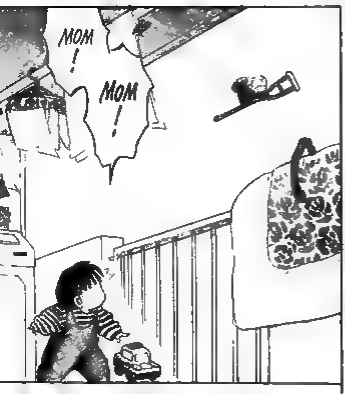
SHE'S GONE.
BUUUUU
ON
OFF
RISA HOSHINO, NINETY YEARS OF AGE. LAID TO ETERNAL REST DECEMBER 14, 1994.
1:05 P.M.
SHE WENT SO PEACE-FULLY.
SHE ALWAYS SAID SHE HAD NO REGRETS IN THIS WORLD.
SHE HAD A GOOD LIFE.

EX-
CUSE
ME...
MR. DATE WOULD LIKE TO PAY HIS RESPECTS.
SQUEEK
RISA AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS.
THEY WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER IN THE LOUNGE.
OH, I SEE...
THANK YOU FOR COMING.
I'LL SEE YOU SOON, RISA DEAR... IN HEAVEN.
GRIP
KINK
KINK
KINK
TOK

KU KU
NURSES STATION
SOME-THING UNDER HER PILLOW... ?
WELL !
WHO'S THIS?
WHY, IT'S MR. TAKANEZAWA! HE WAS HERE WITH SOME FRACTURES.
HE LEFT-- UM--A WHILE AGO, THOUGH...
WHY WOULD YOUR MOTHER HAVE KEPT A PICTURE LIKE THIS ?
IN A LOCKET, NO LESS...
GIVE ME THAT!!

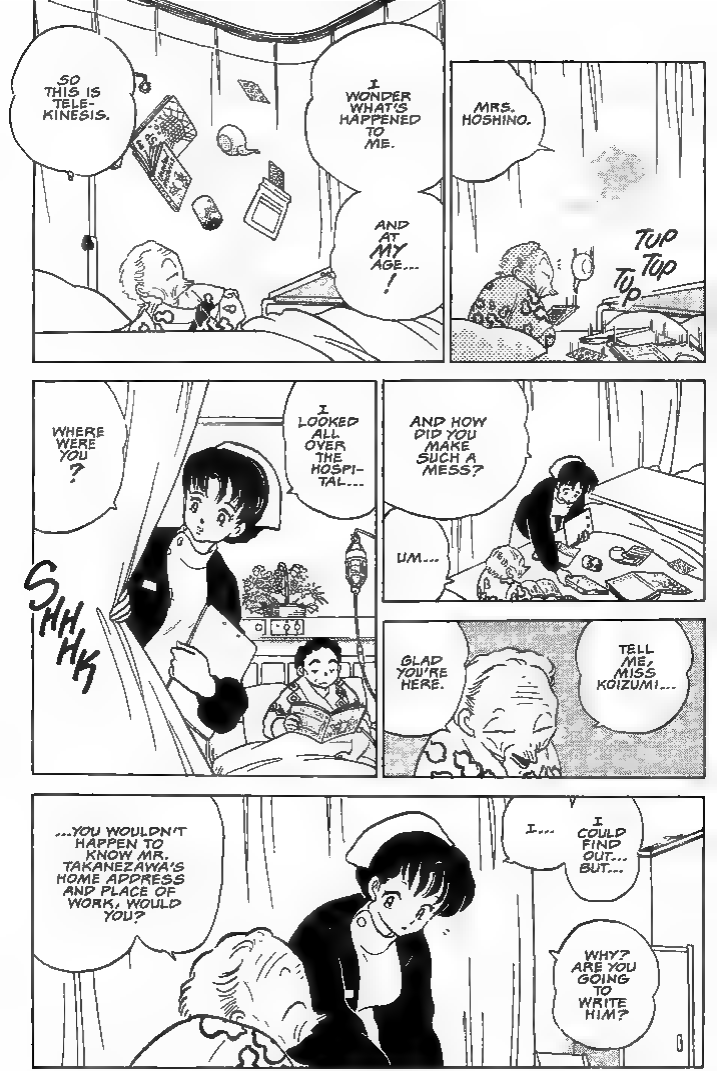

THAT LOCKET IS MINE !!
GIVE IT BACK, I SAY !
BOOM
EEEP EEEP EEEP EEEP
D-DOCTOR !
MRS. HOSHINO IS...
RISA HOSHINO, NINETY, CAME BACK TO LIFE THAT SAME DECEMBER DAY.
AND IN 1995...
BRRR! COLD !


WHEEEEE!


MOM!
MOM!

LOOK! THERE'S AN OLD LADY FLYING BY THE WINDOW!!
DON'T BE SILLY.

SEIKEN
H O S
ROOM 506
Roshino, Risa
Fukuda, Toyoko
Owada, Kin
FAP FAP
NOW THEN...
Unsolved Mysteries
STRANGE BUT TRUE
Impossible?
ESP
HMMM...
WHAT'S THIS...?
telekinesi
levitation
o physical
BEND!
NYUUUU


SO THIS IS TELE-KINESIS.
I WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME.
AND AT MY AGE...!
MRS. HOSHINO.
TUP TUP TUP
WHERE WERE YOU?
I LOOKED ALL OVER THE HOSPI-TAL...
SHHHK
AND HOW DID YOU MAKE SUCH A MESS?
UM...
GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
TELL ME, MISS KOIZUMI...
...YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW MR. TAKAMIZAWA'S HOME ADDRESS AND PLACE OF WORK, WOULD YOU?
I... I COULD FIND OUT... BUT...
WHY? ARE YOU GOING TO WRITE HIM?

BUT RISA DEAR...
...WHY KEEP HIS PICTURE IN YOUR LOCKET ?
IS IT THAT HE LOOKS LIKE... THAT MAN IN YOUR PAST ?
YES.
SO MUCH LIKE HIM IT SCARES ME.
THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM I ALMOST DIED FROM SHOCK.
I THOUGHT HE MUST HAVE BEEN REIN-CARNATED !
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

HOW DID YOU HURT YOURSELF ?
I FELL. FROM A PRETTY HIGH ROCK.
I'M SORRY, YOSA-BURO !
HSSSSHHHH
EVEN THEIR DEATHS WERE THE SAME...
SIGH
TAKANE-ZAWA ISN'T DEAD !!
SHE ASKED FOR HIS ADDRESS ?
THAT'S SO CUTE !
IT'S FUNNY...
THEY NEVER SEEMED VERY CLOSE...

MR. TAKANE-ZAWA ?
DING DONGG
DINGG DONGG
301
Takanezawa
IT'S SUNDAY...
WHERE COULD HE BE?
MR. TAKANEZAWA WENT TO THE PARK--
--FOR ONE OF HIS CLUB MEETINGS.
AH!
OH... MY GOD!
HE'S--

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, TAKANE-ZAWA!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I'VE HEALED UP COMPLETELY!
SHSHKK KRMBLE
EXCUSE ME...
...BUT WHAT IS THAT MAN DOING?
HM?
OH. HE'S FREE CLIMBING.
HE'S... HE'S UP SO HIGH...

WE CLIMB ROCKS... BUILD-INGS...
...ANYTHING THAT'S GOT HAND-HOLDS.
IT'S A CHEAP SPORT, DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF TIME.
WE JUST GET TOGETHER EVERY SUNDAY TO...
SHEF
OOPS.
SSSHHH
NO !!
IT'S OKAY. HE'S GOT A SAFETY LINE.
CHKKKK
FFSHAPP
?
OOOOOOOOH!
AUGH !!

MR. TAKANEZAWA IS DRAWN TO HEIGHTS.
VIP
VIP
IT'S FATE... FATE...
KLK
HI, THIS IS KOIZUMI. I'M NOT HOME RIGHT NOW...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. NIGHT SHIFT TONIGHT.
WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO BE A NURSE?
PC SIGH
NOH NOH NOH
HM ?
MR. TAKANE-ZAWA !!
BIMBAM
FFFFTTT
MOUNTAINEERING
THE ALPS
MOUNTAINS OF JAPAN
ROCK CLIMBING
ICED SWEAT

KLIK
KLIK
SHIRO
DON'T WORRY.
I'M NOT A BURGLAR.
I JUST CAN'T LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE...
BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP
WH-WHO--?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
AT THE HOSPITAL?
UM... S-SORRY.
NOT AT ALL...?
SHAKE
SIGH
WELL, ANYWAY...
LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY!

IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
...WHEN I WAS A VERY YOUNG WOMAN...
I WAS SUFFERING FROM SOME LUNG TROUBLES...
...AND STAYING IN A SANATORIUM BY THE SEA.
I MET ANOTHER PATIENT THERE, A YOUNG MAN. HIS NAME WAS YOSABURO.
WE CHEERED EACH OTHER UP, AND OUR HEALTH SLOWLY IMPROVED...
HSSSSHHHHH
...THEN, JUST BEFORE WE WERE BOTH GOING TO LEAVE...
GOOD-BYE, RISA.

YOSA-BURO !?
HE JUMPED OFF THE CLIFF...
...AND KILLED HIM-SELF !!
AND YOU... YOU'RE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HIM...
GOOD-BYE, RISA.
AND YOU LOVE HIGH PLACES.
I CAN'T HELP WORRYING THAT...
.....
.....
JUST NOW...
...YOU-- YOU WERE FLYING !

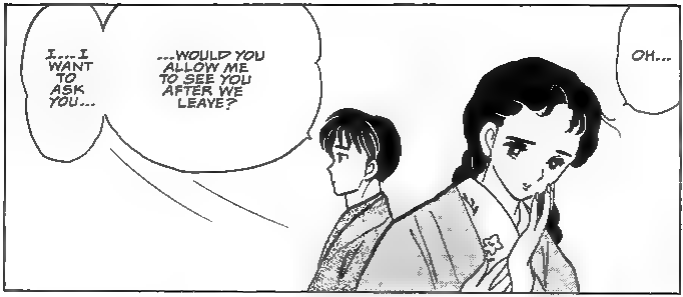
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING TO A WORD I'VE SAID?
PLEASE GO AWAY. I... I DON'T WANT TO GET...
...MIXED UP WITH-- GHOSTS!
FEH. AFTER ALL MY CONCERN ABOUT HIM...
...HE WON'T EVEN LOOK ME IN THE EYE!
MAYBE FLYING HERE WAS A MIST--
EH?
I DON'T...
I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN THIS SUPER-NATURAL STUFF, OKAY?
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?!
THIS WOMAN...
...I THINK I'VE SEEN HER SOMEPLACE BEFORE...

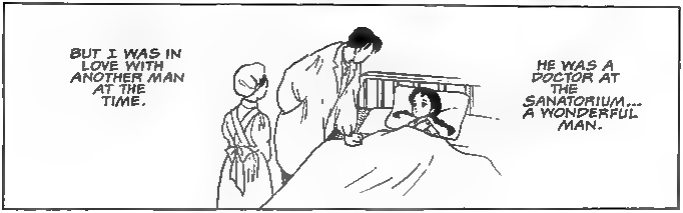
COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A SECOND, KOIZUMI!?
SURE.
OF COURSE! THAT NURSE!
ICE PACKS AT NURSES STATION
Cafe B1
SO SHE'S SEEING HIM!
WHAT!
TONIGHT ONLY
GHOST
SO... ARE YOU TWO GETTING PRETTY SERIOUS OR WHAT?
SHH
.....
.....
WELL, UH...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW...
HE'S NOT THE STABLE TYPE IF YOU ASK ME...
AN OLD LADY'S GHOST?
COME ON!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S TRUE!
AND THEN, WHEN SHE LEFT, SHE JUST TOOK OFF FROM THE THIRD FLOOR BALCONY AGAIN!

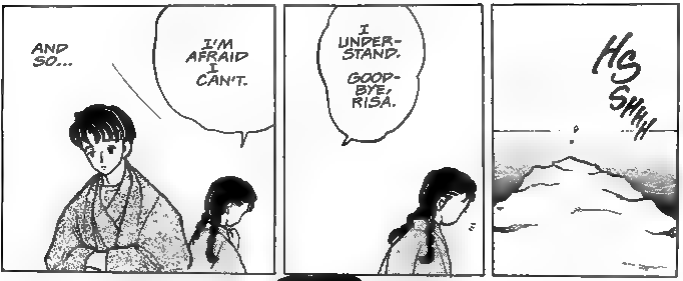
SO... HOW'S IT GOIN' WITH THAT LI'L NURSE OF YOURS?
I DUNNO... SHE'S BUSY A LOT. I HARDLY GET TO SEE HER...
BUT MAN, SHE'S SWEET...!
SO BRING HER TO THE CLUB NEXT TIME!
YEAH! WE'LL MAKE HIM PULL THE CLUB'S ULTIMATE STUNT!
THE WHA--?
"THE GREAT CLIFF PROPOSAL"!!
NO WOMAN CAN RESIST IT!
R-REALLY...? B-BUT...
WELL, A FEW DO! AND THE GUYS THEY DUMP... FALL HARD!!
KARAOKE
CAFE Swing
SAKE
SUSHI
Garden
delight
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT?
GARDEN
H O S

A STORY, MISS KOIZUMI!.
I JUST WANT YOU TO LISTEN CLOSELY TO A STORY...
YES ?
IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
...WHEN I WAS A VERY YOUNG WOMAN...
...AT A SEASIDE SANA-TORIUM...
OH! THE STORY ABOUT THE MAN WHO JUMPED FROM THE CLIFF... ?
THAT'S SO SAD.
.....
.....
HOW'D YOU KNOW ?
ALL THE PATIENTS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT.

WELL... YES...
ANYWAY... YOSABURO...
AHEM!
...LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE YOUR BOYFRIEND!
WHAT?!
BUT THE POINT IS...
YOSABURO COMMITTED SUICIDE...
BECAUSE OF ME!
HOW DO YOU MEAN...?
RISA... WE'LL BE LEAVING HERE SOON...
YES... I KNOW.
FOOSHHH

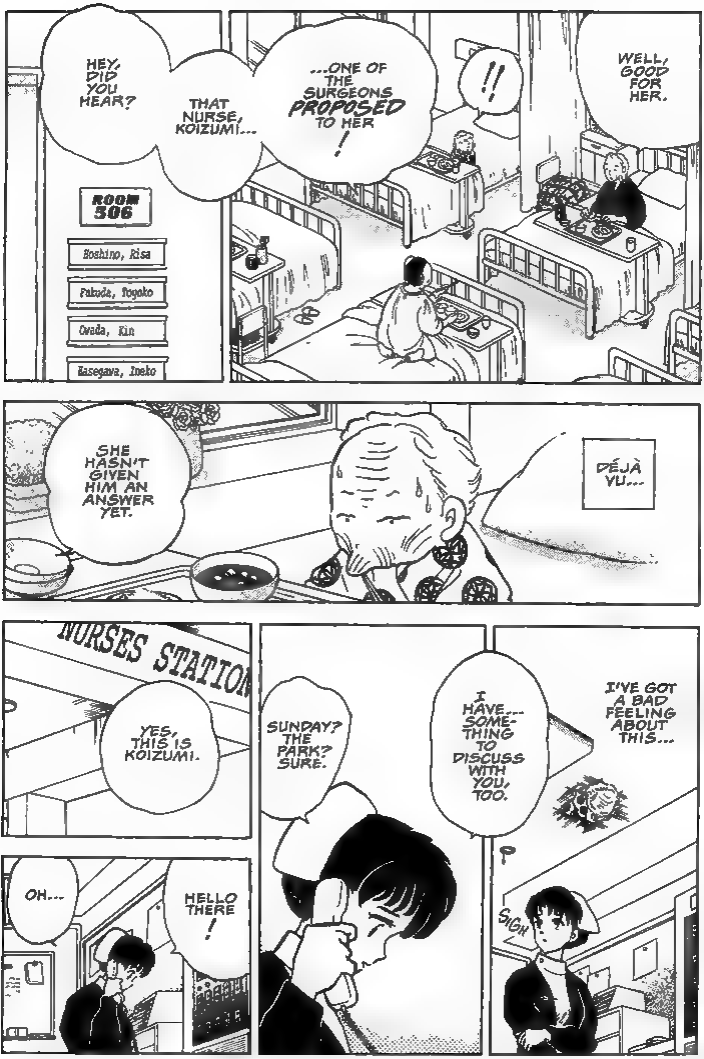

I...I WANT TO ASK YOU...
...WOULD YOU ALLOW ME TO SEE YOU AFTER WE LEAVE?
OH...


BUT I WAS IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER MAN AT THE TIME.
HE WAS A DOCTOR AT THE SANATORIUM... A WONDERFUL MAN.


AND SO...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T.
I UNDER-STAND. GOOD-BYE, RISA.
HS SHHH

YOSA-BURO !?

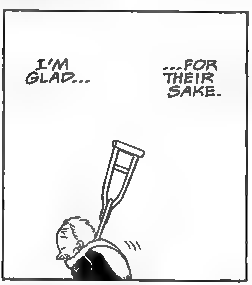
I FAINTED ON THE SPOT, AND WHEN I WOKE UP...
...I WAS BACK IN THE SANA-TORIUM.
POOR YOSABURO...
PSST PSST
IT'S ALL... MY FAULT!
I'M SORRY, YOSA-BURO!
SO PLEASE, MISS KOIZUMI...
WHAT...?
...DON'T REJECT MR. TAKANE-ZAWA!
THEY'RE SO ALIKE! I JUST KNOW HE'LL SUFFER THE SAME FATE!
NON-SENSE!
HE'S NOT SOMEONE WHO'D COMMIT SUICIDE...
...WHETHER I REJECT HIM OR NOT!


HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
THAT NURSE, KOIZUMI...
...ONE OF THE SURGEONS PROPOSED TO HER!
!!
WELL, GOOD FOR HER.
ROOM 506
Yoshino, Risa
Fukuda, Togoko
Ueda, Kin
Hasegawa, Ineko
SHE HASN'T GIVEN HIM AN ANSWER YET.
DÉJÀ VU...
NURSES STATION
YES, THIS IS KOIZUMI.
SUNDAY? THE PARK? SURE.
I HAVE... SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, TOO.
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
OH...
HELLO THERE!
SIGH

THAT SUNDAY...
IT'S GREAT TO FINALLY MEET YOU, KOIZUMI!
WELCOME TO THE FREE CLIMBING CLUB!
.....
.....
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO TALK...
I'M SORRY... THIS WAS THEIR IDEA.
I WAS HOPING...
...WE COULD TALK SERIOUSLY ABOUT...
...ABOUT... UH...
SHK SHK
GO FOR IT, TAKANEZAWA!
YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!
.....
.....
BOOP
WHAT...
...DOES HE THINK HE'S...
SHIGEMAN

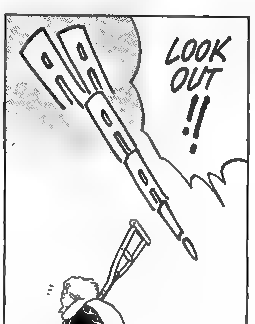
NOW! THE GREAT CLIFF PROPOSAL !!
WILL YOU MARRY ME!?
MY GOD!

FWAP FWAP
BA BUMP
BABUMP
BABUMP
BABUMP
BABUMP
BABUMP
THIS...
...IS SO RIDICU-LOUS!
SIGH
YOU MEAN...
OK!?



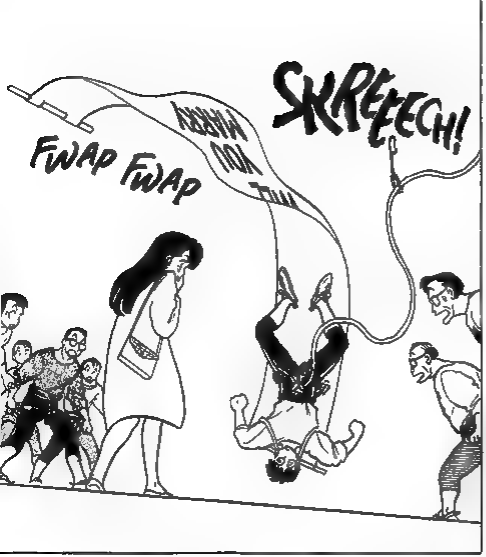
I SUPPOSE I WAS JUST BEING FOOLISH...

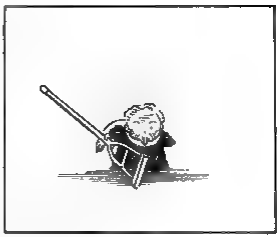
...FEARING THAT MR. TAKANEZAWA WOULD END UP LIKE YOSABURO.

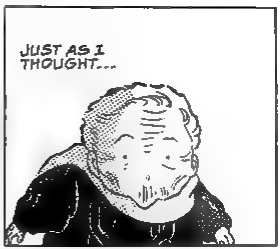


YOSA-
BURO
!!
AM I
GOING
TO
WATCH
YOU DIE
AGAIN
!?
WILL
I
NOT
SAVE
ME!?

NO!
THIS TIME
I WON'T
LET IT
HAPPEN
!!
WILL YOU
MARRY
ME?







I WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE...

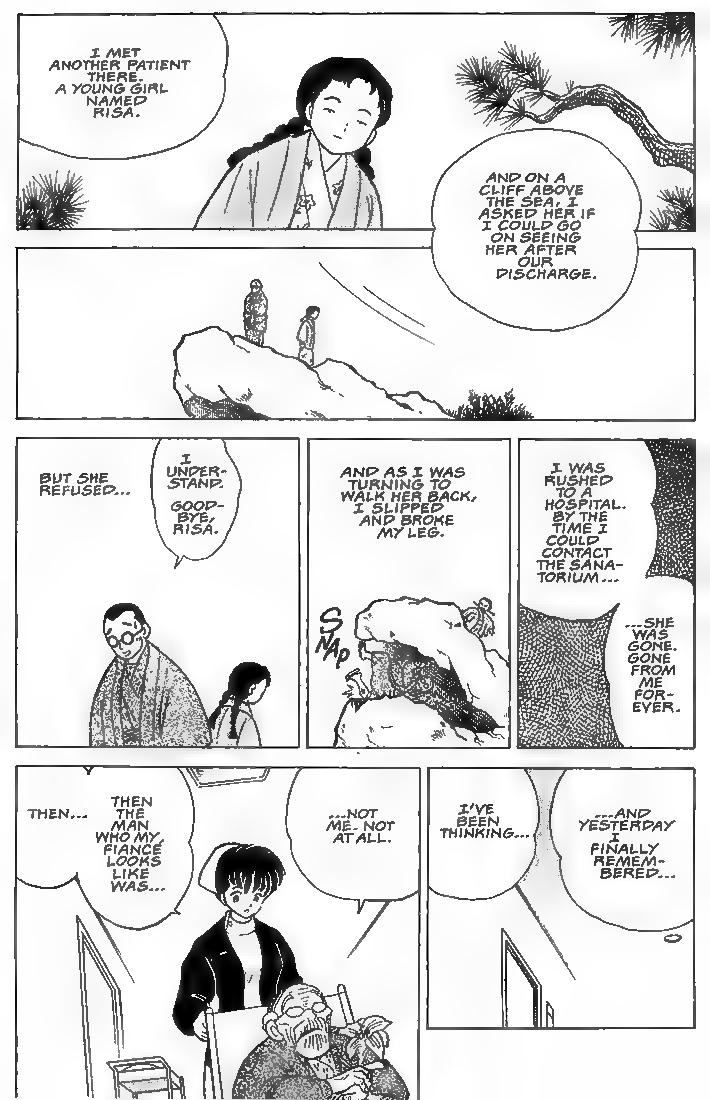
I REALLY AM...

...AND THESE TELEKI-WHATSIT POWERS...

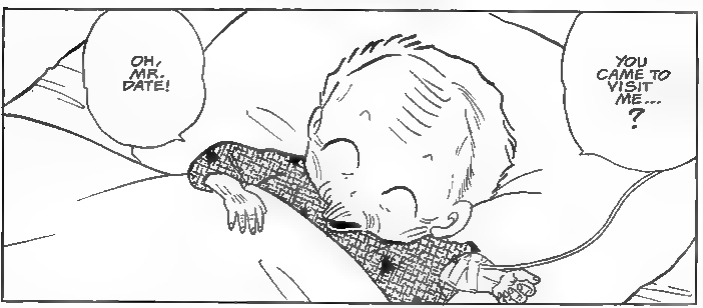
...JUST FOR THIS MOMENT.

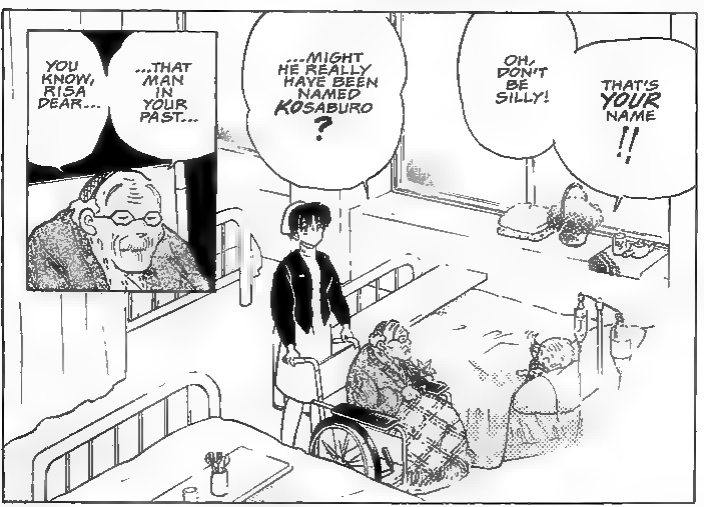
...GLAD.

IT SEEMS SO STRANGE...
MRS. HOSHINO GOING OUT TO THAT PARK THAT DAY... WHY?
HOSPI
MISS KOIZUMI... YOU'VE HEARD OF THE MAN IN RISA'S PAST...?
TAP TAP
YES... THE ONE WHO... WHO LOOKED LIKE...
YOU KNOW SOME-THING...
...I DON'T THINK HE DIED.
WHAT?
WHEN I WAS YOUNG I WAS SUFFERING FROM T.B.
I WAS AT A SEASIDE SANATORIUM...
HSSSHHH

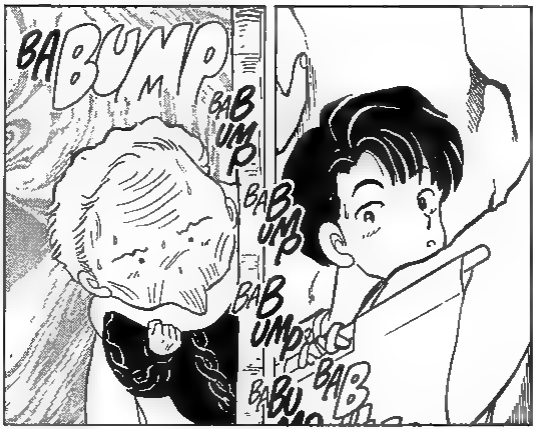

I MET ANOTHER PATIENT THERE. A YOUNG GIRL NAMED RISA.
AND ON A CLIFF ABOVE THE SEA, I ASKED HER IF I COULD GO ON SEEING HER AFTER OUR DISCHARGE.
BUT SHE REFUSED...
I UNDER-STAND. GOOD-BYE, RISA.
AND AS I WAS TURNING TO WALK HER BACK, I SLIPPED AND BROKE MY LEG.
SNAP
I WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL. BY THE TIME I COULD CONTACT THE SANA-TORIUM...
...SHE WAS GONE. GONE FROM ME FOR-EVER.
THEN...
THEN THE MAN WHO MY FIANCÉ LOOKS LIKE WAS...
...NOT ME. NOT AT ALL.
I'VE BEEN THINKING...
...AND YESTERDAY I FINALLY REMEM-BERED...

...THAT DOCTOR SHE WAS SO CRAZY ABOUT! THE ONE SHE REFUSED ME FOR!
HE'S THE ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE TAKANEZAWA!
I THINK HER MEMORIES GOT SCRAMBLED!


OH, MR. DATE!
YOU CAME TO VISIT ME...?


YOU KNOW, RISA DEAR...
...THAT MAN IN YOUR PAST...
...MIGHT HE REALLY HAVE BEEN NAMED KOSABURO?
OH, DON'T BE SILLY!
THAT'S YOUR NAME!!

THE END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CHAPTER SIX

EXTRA-LARGE SIZE HAPPINESS

HSSSHHHH
HONEY...
AM I WEARING TOO MUCH MAKE-UP--?
YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T LIKE THAT, DOES SHE?
WOULD YOU RELAX, PLEASE?
OKAY. NOT A SPECK OF DUST!
WE'LL BE LIVING WITH MY MOTHER--
--FOR A LONG, LONG TIME, YOU KNOW.

YOU WON'T SURVIVE IF YOU KEEP THIS UP!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE FINE!
JUST THINK-- WE'RE GOING TO OWN OUR OWN HOUSE AT LAST!
THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER LOANING US THE DOWN PAYMENT!
REAL ESTATE
Green City REAL ESTATE
IS THIS YOUR DREAM HOUSE?
RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS
NEW TOWN
RESIDENTIAL MODEL HOMES
TO GET OUT OF THIS MOUSE HOLE...
...I WILL BECOME THE PERFECT WIFE!
I'M TELLING YOU, BE YOURSELF OR...
DINNGG
OH.
DONNGGG

MOM! YOU'RE HERE EARLY!
WELCOME!
WE'RE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU, MOTHER!
DOOM
AND I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU, HANAKO.

WHY DID SHE FAINT?
HAS SHE BEEN SICK--?
SHE'S...
...BEEN WORKING AWFULLY HARD GETTING READY FOR YOU.
I THINK THE STRAIN FINALLY HIT HER WHEN SHE SAW YOU THERE.
.....
.....
SHE SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH!
THAT... THAT THING-!!
A HALLUCIN-ATION...
LET'S SEE...
NO!!
RYUJICHI, ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY WITH HANAKO THAT I'M MOVING IN WITH YOU?
OF COURSE IT IS, MOM!
CHOK CHOK

IF SHE'S GOING TO SUFFER JUST FOR THAT LOAN FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT...
B-BUT I THOUGHT WE AGREED...
WELL THEN I'D RATHER MOVE INTO MY OWN APARTMENT AND LIVE IN LUXURY!
OF COURSE, THEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LOAN YOU THAT MONEY.
UM... ER...
OH!
HANAKO--? ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD GET UP SO SOON?
SHH
DON'T...
DON'T THEY SEE IT...?!
UM...
TH-THAT...

HM ?
WHAT ?
WHAT ?
NOTH... ING...
THEY DON'T... SEE IT.
I'll SEE YOU LATER.
BE CAREFUL NOW !
KCHT

BAM
BAM
HMPH.
SHE DOESN'T EVEN SEE HIM OFF.
IT'S GONE!
IT'S REALLY GONE!!
THANK GOD...
I DID JUST IMAGINE IT!
SHHHP
HANAKO...?
WELL, ANYWAY...
FROM NOW ON WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER DAY AND NIGHT...
SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT...
...TO TELL EACH OTHER EXACTLY WHAT'S ON OUR MINDS, DON'T YOU?
ABSOLUTELY, MOTHER!

SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...
FUMP
...ABOUT THIS HOUSE YOU TWO WANT TO BUY...
4BRM
¥61,094,000
YES ?
WHAT ABOUT IT ?
WELLLL... I'M HAVING MY DOUBTS.
OH, BUT...
...BUT IT'S A REAL BARGAIN !
A FOUR-BED-ROOM PLACE...
...ONLY AN HOUR FROM DOWN-TOWN, FOR 61 MILLION YEN...
...IS REALLY CHEAP !
YES, IT'S HOW CHEAP IT IS THAT'S BOTHER-ING ME.
4BRM

MAYBE WE SHOULD LOOK AT SOME OTHER PLACES.
BUT WE LOOKED AND LOOKED UNTIL WE DROPPED!
THIS WAS THE BEST OUT THERE!
WELL...
I'M THE ONE MAKING THE DOWN PAYMENT...
...AND UNTIL I'M CON-VINCED...

EEE EEEE !!
HOOOOM
HM ?!
TA TU NK
IT'S...
HUF HUF HUF
...IT'S BACK !!
BUT WHAT IS IT... ?!
NOW, NOW, HANAKO...
THERE'S NO NEED TO THROW A TANTRUM!
I DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T PAY THE MONEY...
HUH ??
N-N-NO !
THAT'S NOT IT-- !!
PEEK
GONE...

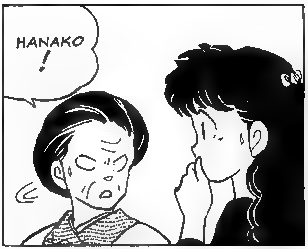
I'M JUST EXHAUSTED!
I'VE BEEN SO STRESSED FROM HOUSE-HUNTING THAT...
...OH, I WISH WE COULD BUY THAT HOUSE SOON!!
THERE'S NOTHING HERE, SIR.
THIS AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED VERY SOON.
THERE ARE ALREADY PLANS TO BUILD A SUPER-MARKET!
VSSSSSHH
THERE'S A SHOPPING AREA BY THE STATION.
IT'S A LITTLE FAR TO WALK BUT ONLY TWENTY MINUTES BY BUS.
IT'S A REALLY NICE HOUSE.
I'LL HAVE TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF.
I'M SURE YOU'LL LOVE IT!

IT'S BEAUTI-FUL, ISN'T IT, MOTHER?
ISN'T IT?
ISN'T IT?
ISN'T IT?
HMM MM.
LOTS OF LIGHT!
PLENTY OF STORAGE! AND LOOK...
...THE BAY WINDOWS MAKE THE ROOMS FEEL BIGGER!
WELL...
...IT'S NOT BAD.
HOORAY!

OKAY. MAKE YOUR OFFER ASAP!
IT'S A POPULAR PROPERTY, LET ME TELL YOU!
HNOOOOOOOOO
OF COURSE!
MNCH MNCH
MNCH MNCH
OH, BUT I'M TIRED!
BAM
I'LL MAKE US SOME TEA.
LOVELY. I BOUGHT SOME RICE CRACKERS JUST--
.....
.....
Rice Crackers
OF COURSE, I DON'T MIND...
I WAS GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU ANYWAY.
HMM ??
CRUNCH

BUT DON'T YOU THINK--
--THAT'S A LITTLE BIT... SLOPPY ?!
WHAT...? I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE--
FORGET ABOUT TEA.
LET'S JUST GET DINNER STARTED.
ER... OKAY.
HOW ABOUT MISO SOUP? I HAVE TOFU, SEAWEED...
SOY
FINE.
NOT TOO MUCH SEA-WEED...
WHAK
DRIED WAKAME
SHHF
.....
.....
.....
OH MY!
NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO!!
URGLE

DRIED SEAWEED SWELLS !!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T KNOW THAT !!
BUT I DIDN'T DO IT !!
VOOOM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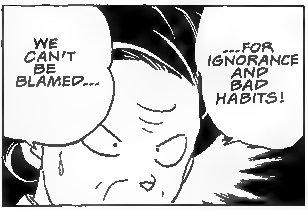
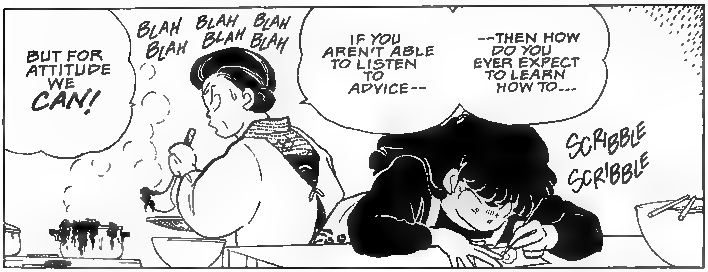
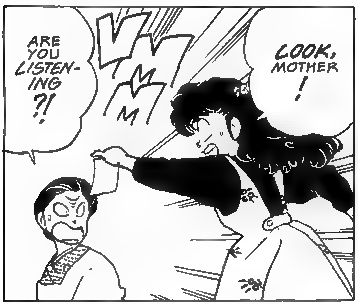
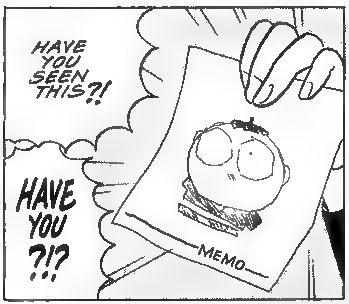

WE CAN'T BE BLAMED...
...FOR IGNORANCE AND BAD HABITS!


BUT FOR ATTITUDE WE CAN!
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH
IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO LISTEN TO ADVICE--
--THEN HOW DO YOU EVER EXPECT TO LEARN HOW TO---
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

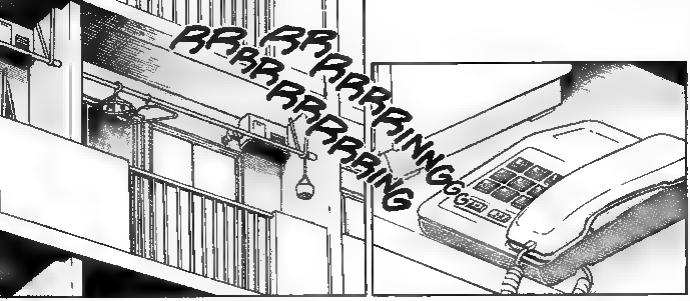

ARE YOU LISTENING ?!
VVMM
LOOK, MOTHER !


HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?!
HAVE YOU ?!?
—MEMO—

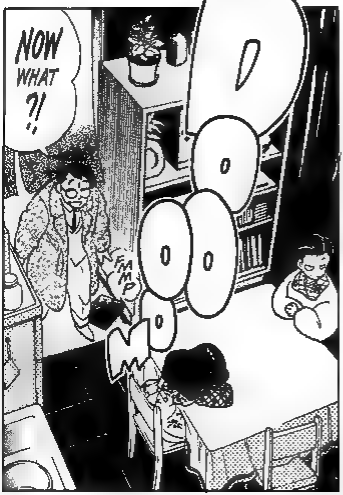
IT'S ONLY A SCRIBBLE.
IT'S A PERFECT LIKE-NESS!
DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
THAT'S EXACTLY THE ATTITUDE THAT I'M TRYING TO...
I'M NOT CHANGING THE SUBJECT!!
HI, I'M HOME!
YOU SAW THE HOUSE TODAY, RIGHT?
WELL...??
HOOOOO
IS SOME-THING WRONG...?
WELL... THE HOUSE ISN'T BAD, BUT...
MAYBE I SHOULD RENT AN APARTMENT OF MY OWN...
WHAT?!?!!

OH, NOW, MOM!
YOU'RE JUST SO IMPUL-SIVE!
RUB RUB RUB RUB RUB
WELL, YOU KNOW...
I DO WANT TO MAKE THIS WORK OUT, BUT...
SO DO I--!
THEN IT'S SET-TLED!
EVERY-THING'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
HWoooooo
SAY!
WHAT'S THIS LITTLE THING?!
HEY! IT LOOKS LIKE A GREMLIN!
MEMO
A GREM-LIN?!

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A PICTURE MY GRANDFATHER DREW FOR ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
GREMLINS LIVE IN OLD HOUSES LIKE MINE.
HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU.
YOU DRAW FUNNY, GWAMPA!
IT'S A KID IN A KIMONO.
A KID--?! THAT--?!
THEY SAY HE BRINGS HAPPINESS TO THE FAMILY WHOSE HOUSE HE SETTLES IN.
SETTLES?! NOT IN MY HOUSE!!
WHATEVER HE'S BRINGING, IT'S NOT HAPPINESS!
IF HE'S A GREMLIN, HE'S NOT A GOOD ONE!


BRRR

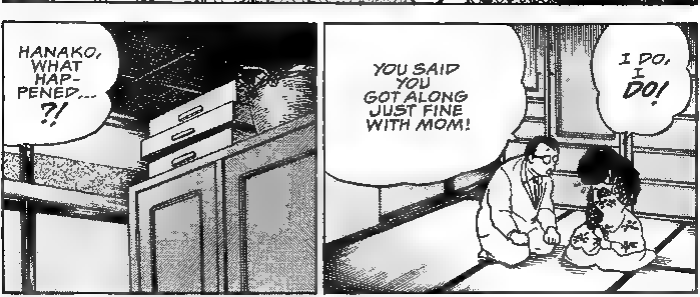
GET OUT OF HERE !!
YOU'RE RUINING MY LIFE !!
WELL...
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL...
JERK
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT !!
HI, EVERY-BODY! I'M HO-O-O-O-O-OME!
BAMM

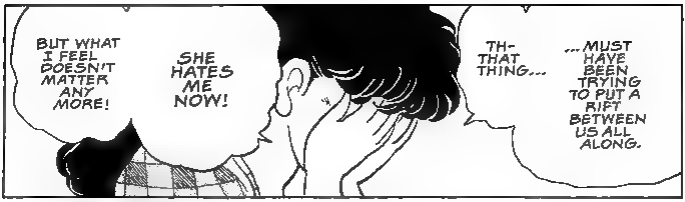

NOW WHAT ?!
D O O O O
FAMP
MO

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
I'LL LIVE BY MYSELF.
AND KEEP MY MONEY.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, MOTHER!
IT'S ALL A MISTAKE!

IS IT? SPARE ME THE DETAILS.
I DON'T NEED TO PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING TREATED LIKE A NUISANCE.
HEH-HEM. J-JUST A MINUTE, MOM...
SOB


HANAKO, WHAT HAP-PENED...?!
YOU SAID YOU GOT ALONG JUST FINE WITH MOM!
I DO, I DO!


BUT WHAT I FEEL DOESN'T MATTER ANY MORE!
SHE HATES ME NOW!
TH-THAT THING...
...MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT A RIFT BETWEEN US ALL ALONG.

THAT... THING...??
THE GREMLIN!!
HWoooo
AM I...
...HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?

I MUST BE...
...BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE YOUR MOTHER, BUT I KEEP... I KEEP...

HANAKO...
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SIGH

OH, MOTHER...
...I'M SORRY!

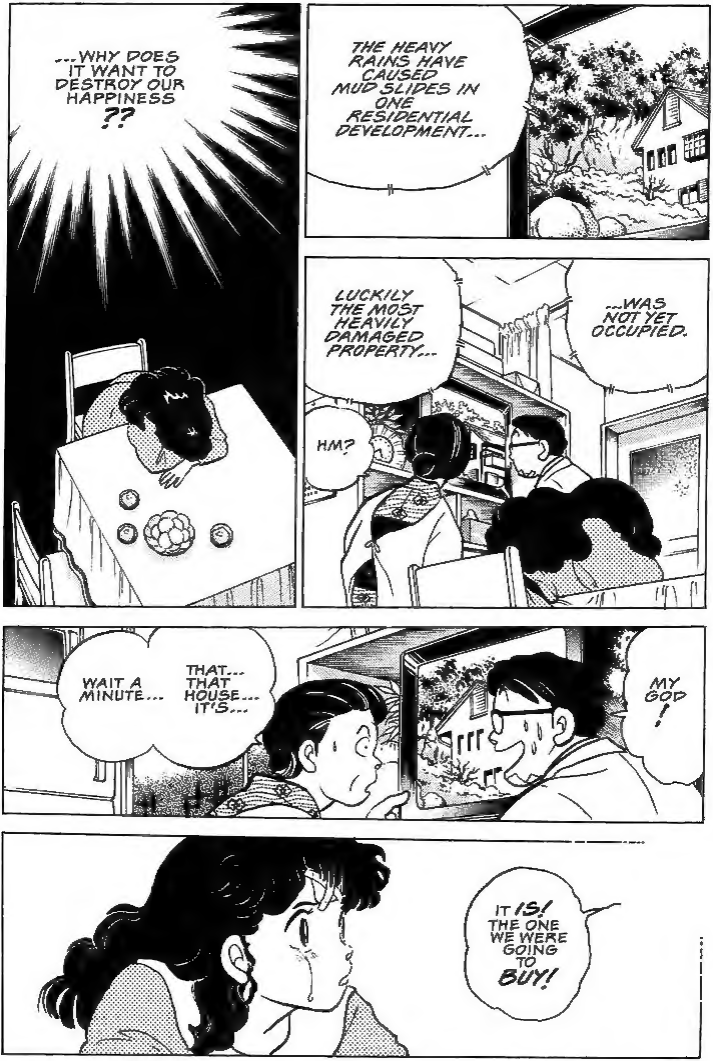
NEVER MIND.
BUT YOU NEED SOME REST.
NO, I'M ALL RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME...
I'VE PUMPED ALL THE DOMESTIC BURDENS ON YOU, HANAKO.
SIGH
YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED.
CAN YOU STILL HELP US, MOM? YOU KNOW...
...WE ONLY HAVE EACH OTHER.
YES... I KNOW.
LET'S ALL LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.
MAYBE A BIGGER HOUSE...
...WOULD HELP OUR NERVES.
PAT
ALL RIGHT.

LET'S GET THAT HOUSE.
GREAT!
!!
WE CAN...
...BUY THE HOUSE--?
FSSSSSHH!
HURRY, HONEY!
WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE AGENT!
IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM REAL!
SIGH
I'M SO HAPPY.
ONCE WE MOVE, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO SEE THAT THING AGAIN!
HUH--?!
FSSSSSSSSSHHHH

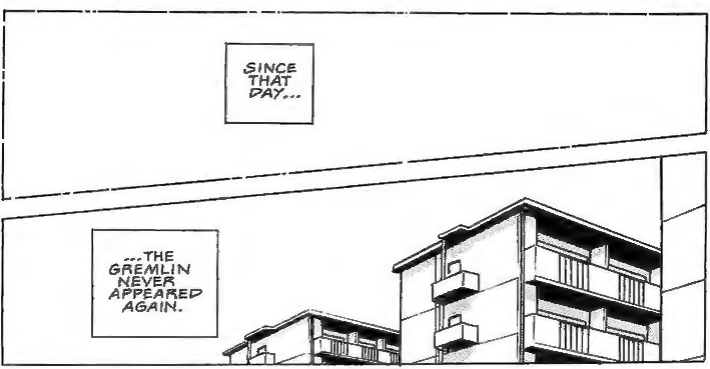
SCRR
EEE
EEE
EEE
GA AAA AH!
....
WWOOO
WWOOO

OH, DEAR LORD!
WE'VE BEEN AT THE HOSPITAL.
WE... UH... HIT A GUARD RAIL.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
I'M SORRY... WE MISSED OUR APPOINT-MENT...
FFSSSSHHH
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU--?!
WELL... UMM...
HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
THAT... THING...

THAT GREMLIN DID IT TO US !!
WAHHHHH!
UM... ER...
NO... IT'S TRUE.
I NEVER KNEW THOSE THINGS GOT SO... ...SO BIG!
WHY...

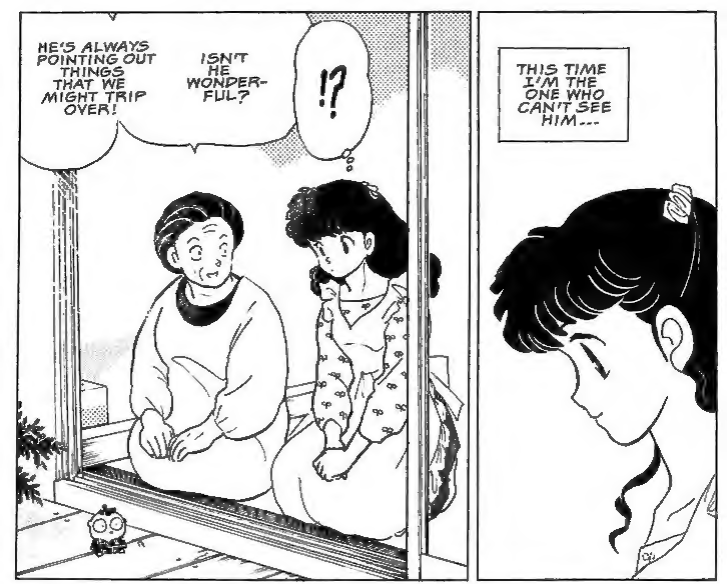

...WHY DOES IT WANT TO DESTROY OUR HAPPINESS ??
THE HEAVY RAINS HAVE CAUSED MUD SLIDES IN ONE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT...
LUCKILY THE MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED PROPERTY...
...WAS NOT YET OCCUPIED.
HM?
WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT... THAT HOUSE... IT'S...
MY GOD!
IT IS! THE ONE WE WERE GOING TO BUY!

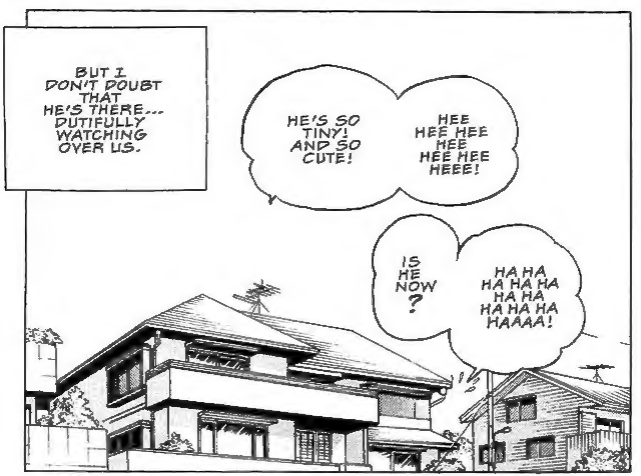
SO THAT'S IT...


SINCE THAT DAY...
...THE GREMLIN NEVER APPEARED AGAIN.

AS FOR US...

...WE FOUND ANOTHER HOUSE, ALTHOUGH NOT AS CHEAP.
HANAKO!
HANAKO!
YOU HAVE TO COME HERE! NOW!
WHAT?
LOOK HERE! WHERE THIS NAIL IS STICKING OUT...
A GREMLIN'S WARNING US THAT IT'S DANGEROUS!


HE'S ALWAYS POINTING OUT THINGS THAT WE MIGHT TRIP OVER!
ISN'T HE WONDER-FUL?
!?
THIS TIME I'M THE ONE WHO CAN'T SEE HIM...


BUT I DON'T DOUBT THAT HE'S THERE... DUTIFULLY WATCHING OVER US.
HE'S SO TINY! AND SO CUTE!
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEEE!
IS HE NOW?
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HAAAA!

THE END